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WORK OF THE CONVENTION

Declared for a New Constitution and Commercial Expansion of Trade.

THE CHICAGO PLATFORM WAS ENDORSED

And the Renomination of William J. Bryan for the Presidency Demanded—Advocates the Construction of the Nicaragua Canal.

Honesty of purpose was the dominant feature of the democratic state convention, which came to a close in Montgomery Thursday afternoon with the adoption of a platform and resolutions, marked, on the whole, by a sensible view of present conditions and a determination to face problems calling for attention and settlement.

Following is the complete ticket nominated by the convention:

For Governor—W. J. Samford.

Secretary of State—Robert P. McDavid.

Attorney-General—Charles G. Brown.

Superintendent of Public Education—J. W. Abernethy.

Treasurer—J. Craig Smith.

Auditor—W. H. Matthews.

Commissioner of Agriculture—R. R. Poole.

Delegates at Large to the National Democratic Convention—John T. Morgan, A. H. Merrill, Robert J. Lowe and Frank S. White.

DELEGATES TO KANSAS CITY.

Delegates to the national convention at Kansas City were named as follows:

First District—Massey Wilson, of Clarke and C. L. Lavetta, of Mobile; alternates, E. M. Robinson, of Mobile and W. A. Moseley, of Washington.

Second—Tennent Lomax, of Montgomery, and F. M. Tankersley, of Crenshaw; alternates, M. R. Leigh, of Escambia, and S. A. Williams, of Pike.

Third—H. T. Benton, of Russell, and George H. Malone, of Henry; alternates, Joseph H. Adams, of Dale, and A. E. Barnett, of Lee.

Fourth—W. W. Buras, of Dallas, and J. W. McElrath, of Calhoun; alternates, R. D. Walker, of Dallas, and D. R. McMillan.

Fifth—N. D. Denson, of Chambers, and M. B. Abernethy, of Macon; alternates, J. R. Wood, of Macon, and W. W. Wilkerson, of Autauga.

Sixth—Walter NeSmith, of Lamar, and L. B. Musgrove, of Walker; alternates, R. B. Calloway, of Sumter, and W. C. Fitts, of Tuscaloosa.

Seventh—T. C. Banks, of Etowah, and C. L. Haley, of Winston; alternates, W. T. Brown, of St. Clair, and W. C. Raburn, of Marshall.

Eighth—R. T. Simpson, Sr., of Lauderdale, and E. A. Alves, of Morgan; alternates, O. Kyle, of Morgan, and J. T. Ashcraft, of Lauderdale.

Ninth—James G. Moore, of Bibb, and John W. Tomlinson, of Jefferson; alternates, John J. Altman and E. W. Barrett, of Jefferson.

PLATFORM.

The committee on platform and resolutions reported as follows:

"We, the democracy of Alabama, in convention assembled, do believe and declare it to be the true doctrine and policy of the party:

"That honesty and economy in the administration of public affairs is essential to the continuance of the republic.

"That a scrupulous regard for the terms and spirit of the American constitution is the safeguard of the Union.

"That a prompt and broad comprehension of the duty of the hour is the best claim of a political party to the confidence of the people.

"That the democratic party believes in commercial expansion, the extension of trade by the freeing of it from all unnecessary burdens, and more particularly in the adding of needed facilities, so that our commerce shall be encouraged, and all the world may come in close touch with our prosperity.

"Therefore, we advocate the construction of the Nicaragua canal, to make a highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and to make the seaport of the state of Alabama the front door of the United States, and that this party pays its tribute of affection and admiration to our distinguished citizen, Hon. John T. Morgan, whose integrity, intellect, energy and persistence have accomplished so much in forwarding this great enterprise to a point where there can be no doubt of its ultimate success.

"That we denounce the unjust treatment of the Porto Ricans and

the flagrant violation of the trust of these people and of the constitution of the United States.

"That we believe in legitimate expansion of home as well as of foreign trade. The rewards of invention and labor are the spurs of enterprise; without them we should have no progress; even the restriction of them means the retarding of our growth, but the combinations and trusts which have been formed throughout the country are the result of a perversion of the correct principles of trade and a violation of the rights of the people to free competition.

"We demand the supervision, regulation and curbing of trusts and combines, and designate as the chief of these oppressive institutions the protective tariff of the republican party. If we get rid of the matter of trusts, the republican tariff, we get rid of the trusts themselves, and, so long as the country fosters these institutions, so long will they rule over us.

"We believe in William Jennings Bryan as the representative of the democracy of the nation, and demand his renomination to the presidency of the United States.

"We believe the Chicago platform adopted in 1896 should be reaffirmed by the party in its approaching national convention.

"We pledge the people of Alabama that no backward step shall be taken in the matter of public education, and that every effort possible will be made to establish and maintain within the reach of every child, both rich and poor, the means of obtaining absolutely free of tuition such instruction as will qualify him for the intelligent performance of the responsible duties of citizenship.

RESOLUTIONS.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the next general assembly of this state should provide for the submission to a vote of the people of Alabama the question of holding a constitutional convention, with such safeguards as may be necessary to preserve the limitation upon the right of taxation now existing, and such other safeguards as the general assembly in its wisdom may find to be necessary and proper in the premises.

"Resolved, That this convention recommends to the democratic members of the next general assembly, that in all cases of local legislation affecting counties where the democratic nominee has been defeated, that they consult with and consider the recommendations of such democratic nominees in regard to such local legislation as affects their respective counties, so far as is consistent with right and justice.

"Resolved, That the democratic party favors all liberal actions looking to the good of the whole people, provided those actions are in agreement with the spirit of the American constitution, and that it unequivocally condemns the republican policy of seeking to govern without the sanction of the constitution or their wishes the people who have come under our guardianship and protection."

It was moved that the report and resolutions be considered separately, but, after some little confusion, the report of the committee was adopted as a whole, including platform and resolutions, without an opposing vote.

CARMICHAEL'S RESOLUTION.

Judge J. M. Carmichael, of Dale, before the report was adopted, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved that it is hereby understood and declared that no white man in Alabama be disfranchised for want of property, education or any other cause, except the commission of crime."

Judge Carmichael attempted to have this incorporated in the platform, but lost out in the hurry of the adoption of the committee's report.

He was, however, not to be daunted, and getting on a table, had his resolution read, and it was unanimously adopted in a hiffy.

Direct telegraphic connection between London and the source of the Nile is another fitting wonder of the world for the crowning of the nineteenth century.

A wreck occurred on the Southern railway near Athens. Fourteen cars were derailed. No one was hurt.

William Jacks, a member of one of the largest pig farms in Europe, with offices at Glasgow and other places, is in the Birmingham district investigating the iron and steel industries. Mr. Jacks handles much Alabama iron in Europe and it is expected that his visit will result in the consummation of some big export sales.

SUMMARY OF STATE NEWS

Current Topics of Interest Gleaned From all Parts of Alabama.

REUNION OF SPANISH-AMERICAN VETERANS

Shooting Affray at Selma—Miners Strike at Aldrich—To Build 400 Coke Ovens at Thomas—Barbour County Veterans.

Operator Struck by Lightning.

Charles Sarver, telegraph operator at Athens, was struck by lightning at Hayes Smith, and for a time it was feared that he was fatally injured, but will recover.

Terrific Rainstorm in Limestone.

The section around Athens was visited by a terrific hail and rain storm. Hail as large as marbles fell and covered the earth. Wheat was damaged in the course of the hail.

Dr. Davis' Presidency of College.

Dr. Hiram G. Davis, pastor at Woodlawn, near Birmingham, has accepted the presidency of the Athens Female College. He is one of the most prominent young ministers in the North Alabama Methodist conference.

To Build 400 Coke Ovens.

The Republic Iron and Steel company has given an order to the Bessemer Fire Brick company for 2,000,000 fire brick, which will be used in the construction of 400 additional coke ovens and a third blast furnace at Thomas.

Miners Strike at Aldrich.

The first strike which has occurred at the Aldrich coal mines near Montealeo, which were opened just half a century ago, is now on. The mines are owned and operated by Congressman W. F. Aldrich of the Fourth district, who it is said, cut the wages of coal diggers 8 cents a ton.

Shooting Affray at Selma.

Ernest King and Charles Crosby, brothers-in-law, became involved in a drunken quarrel out at the Cawthon Cotton mills. Crosby hit King on the head with a piece of scantling when King pulled out a Colt's 44 caliber revolver and after taking deliberate aim shot twice, one ball entering the right side and the other going through the left arm. It is not thought the wounds will prove fatal.

Reunion of Spanish-American Veterans.

The second annual reunion of the Society of Alabama Veterans of the Spanish-American War will be held in the city of Birmingham on May 23, 1900. Commander George Huddleston, in his call for the reunion, urges the attendance of all members of the society whose membership is made up of the white men who served as volunteers or in the regular army of the United States during the war with Spain, who were mustered into service from the state of Alabama, or who reside in the state and who were honorably discharged from the service.

Large Tannery to be Built.

A company has been organized with a capital of \$100,000 to build a large tannery on the line of the Chattahoochee Valley railroad, either at West Point, Ga., or at Riverview, Ala. It is reported at West Point that some northern capitalists have purchased a desirable site east of the Chattahoochee river in Georgia, and will build a large cotton mill there in the near future. In West Point the immediate extension of the Chattahoochee Valley railroad from Blanton, its present terminus, to Phoenix City, Ala., one of Columbus's Alabama suburbs, is regarded as assured.

Briefly Noted.

High water has done much damage to farms in Limestone county.

The Masonic fraternity of Mobile has had plans drawn for the erection of a \$50,000 Masonic temple.

William P. Neilson, of Tuscaloosa, has been chosen by a committee of the faculty to represent the University of Alabama in the gulf states inter-collegiate oratorical contest, to be held in Baton Rouge next month.

At a recent meeting of the Barbour county Confederate veterans the following officers were elected: S. H. Dent, commandant; A. H. Merrill, first lieutenant; E. L. Graves, second lieutenant; C. F. Massey, third lieutenant; Rev. H. D. Moore, chaplain. From Lieutenant Graves it was learned that eleven of its members have passed over the river within the last twelve months.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

Representative Cooney, of Missouri, introduced a joint resolution to terminate the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

The negotiations with Turkey for settlement of American claims are said to be proceeding to the entire satisfaction of this government.

Iona Islands, in the Hudson River, became the property of the government, and will be used for naval purposes.

The plans for the three new battleships have been approved. They will be largest vessels in the United States Navy, and will surpass anything of their size afloat.

An appropriation of \$150,000 will probably be made by Congress to buy 1800 acres of land about Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The cruiser Boston, one of the vessels of Admiral Dewey's victorious squadron, is to be overhauled and repaired at a cost of \$175,000.

Representative Klutz, of North Carolina, introduced a bill repealing the bankruptcy law and repealing the war revenue stamp taxes.

The Navy Department has secured a 5000-ton steamer to carry food supplies collected by charitable organizations in New York City to the plague and famine sufferers in India.

The Senate passed a bill to provide for the construction of a revenue cutter at Philadelphia at a cost of \$50,000.

The State Department has been officially informed that the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica have withdrawn their troops from the common boundary line and that the expected hostilities have been avoided.

Adelbert S. Hay, United States Consul at Pretoria, has informed the State Department that members of the ambulance corps met in the center of the city district, and thence with the Boers have taken up arms against the British.

Our Adopted Islands.

After a trial lasting three days before Judge Hull, of the District Court, at Manila, P. I., Louis Spitzel, owner of the steamer Abbey, was acquitted of the charge of smuggling jewelry into Manila.

The United States transport McPherson carried to Porto Rico between \$400,000 to \$500,000 in subsidiary coin. This is the first instance of \$500,000 voted by Congress for distribution among the inhabitants of the islands.

There have been thirteen deaths from the bubonic plague in Manila. The native population in the city district has been quarantined and a guard of troops placed around it.

An order establishing correctional courts in all the large cities of Cuba has been issued.

President Dole, of Hawaii, has appointed a court of commissioners to take evidence of losses caused by the burning of Chinatown in Honolulu, and to make awards and judgments of such losses.

Arrangements have been completed to retire the Porto Rican money and replace it with American currency.

Domestic.

The warehouses of Wilson & McCulloch's fruit factory at Fairmont, Ind., were destroyed by a loss of \$150,000. Three hundred cartons of finished fruit jars were consumed.

Southern Nebraska is in the path of a destructive cyclone and all the people in the region are fleeing to the storm cellars.

The City Council of Toledo, Kan., passed an ordinance against the presentation of immoral plays. It is aimed at a "Sapho" company which threatens to visit Topeka.

The destruction of physicians, George Ritterland in New York City, who lost his identity, is slowly recovering the use of his memory.

The railroads in the South whose traffic has been interrupted by floods are preparing to resume business.

Albert J. Dady and his wife, sixteen years old, of Dayton, Ohio, jumped from a bridge into the canal and were drowned, clasped in each other's arms. They left a baby.

George Alpa, of Huron, S. D., former State Senator and State Attorney, while in the city of New York, was shot and killed by a man near his residence and his assailant made good his escape.

R. A. Gunney, an old Confederate soldier, of Macon, Ga., who planned to kill Admiral Dewey, was sent to the State Insane Asylum.

Nelson Smith and his granddaughter, who were visiting in Milwaukee, were shot and killed by two burglars in Livingston, N. J.

Two thousand Americans, according to Stefan Krestoff Vatrasky, at Kenosha, Wis., have embraced Mohammedanism since the Congress of Religions at the World's Fair and Turkish missionaries to undertake the task of seeking converts in the United States.

The postoffice at Smyrna, Del., was robbed, the safe door being shattered by explosives. Postmaster Hagar says the loss is about \$700 in stamps and money.

The will of the late Philatus Sawyer, formerly United States Senator, was filed at Oshkosh, Wis. The estate amounts to \$3,000,000, and all of it, except \$10,000 to charity, goes to near relatives.

Henry Demas, one of the brightest and shrewdest negro politicians in the South, died in his home in New Orleans, La. He had been a member of the Louisiana politics of Louisiana for the last thirty years.

Chicago is to have a municipal telephone system. Its immediate use is to be confined to the Police and Fire Departments.

The honest statue group of Washington and Lafayette, presented to New York City by Charles Broadway Rouss, was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies.

James R. Jough, of Kansas City, went to Colorado Springs, to secure a train of Colorado's hairy mountain broncos for the British troops in South Africa. The average price paid the agent is \$75 at New Orleans.

Foreign.

The Lisbon press continued to criticize the Government's action in permitting British troops to cross Portuguese territory.

Several more meetings of the Afrikaner Bond held in Cape Colony adopted resolutions in favor of holding an immediate congress of the Bond.

It is probable the United States will be asked to arbitrate the differences between Chile and Peru.

James Little, sixty years old, is in jail at Fredericksburg, N. B., charged with murdering Edward Lawrence, Mrs. Lawrence and three children.

The British authorities have already listed 12,000 alleged rebels in Cape Colony and Natal.

The situation of the British in Commaise, on the African Gold Coast, is said to be improved.

Emperor Francis Joseph will ask Germany's assent to Austria's occupation of the Turkish dependency of Macedonia.

An agreement has been concluded between the Russian and Korean governments, Korea pledging herself not to alienate Kojie Island, at the mouth of Masampo Harbor.

An attempt was made to destroy Look No. 24 of the Welland Canal at Thorold, Ont. Three men are under arrest and held in the jail in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Lincoln's Birthday a National Holiday.

A joint resolution introduced by Senator Lodge in the United States Senate sets apart February 12 in each year as a national holiday on which to celebrate the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

THE STATE CONVENTIONS

Republicans Meet in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire.

THE ADMINISTRATION INDORSED.

The Conventions Selected Delegates to the National Convention at Philadelphia—The Platforms Reaffirmed the St. Louis Platform, and Declared For Expansion—Opposition to Trusts.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Special).—The Republican State Convention held here named four delegates-at-large to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia, nominated a State ticket and adopted a platform.

The delegates-at-large chosen are Senator Joseph B. Foraker, Governor George K. Nash, and Congressman Charles Dick and Charles H. Grosvenor. The following were named as alternates-at-large: Charles S. Foster, Myron D. Norris, W. C. Brown and George A. Myers.

The convention made these nominations for State officers: Secretary of State, Lewis C. Brown; Treasurer, John A. Shanks; Board of Public Works, Charles A. Goddard; State School Commissioner, L. D. Gresham; Attorney General, J. E. Blackburn.

The platform reaffirms the declarations of the St. Louis platform of 1896 and indorses the "wise and patriotic administration of President McKinley."

The platform praises the adoption of the gold standard, and regarding expansion says:

"We advocate for them free schools, full security for life, liberty and property, the most liberal measures for the development of their agriculture and industry and the largest degree of local self-rule for which they are fitted. We have faith in American patriotism, character and capacity, and we know that American Government will extend the inalienable blessings of freedom, law and civilization to the peoples who are brought under our protection."

The platform in conclusion insists that injurious combinations shall be forbidden, from time to time, and be so restricted as to guarantee immunity from harmful monopoly, and assure fair treatment and protection to all competing industries.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS.

They Indorse the President and Pledge Support to Quay.

HARRISBURG, Penn. (Special).—The Republican State Convention, which was held in this city, indorses the Administration of President William McKinley and instructed the delegates to the National Convention at Philadelphia to support his candidacy for re-election.

The convention also declared in favor of the election of United States Senators in the same manner that State officers are elected, indorsed Senator and Governor Stone, the administration of Governor Stone and other State officials, and pledged "its hearty and cordial support of M. S. Quay for re-election to the United States Senate."

The convention nominated Senator E. B. Hardenbergh, of Wayne County, for Auditor-General, and Galusha A. Grow, of Susquehanna County, and Robert M. Towner, of Philadelphia, for Congressmen at Large.

Further reports of the convention declare that though there are water, food and ammunition enough there to last until the middle of June, they are only so on a restricted scale, the food not being more than enough to barely sustain life.

Two pints of soup and two quarts of oat bran are the daily ration of the men, and the stoves last much longer it will be difficult to find more than one ration. A census which has just been taken shows that the population numbers 72,000.

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LABOR RIOT IN CHICAGO.

One Man Killed and Seven Hurt in an Attack.

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The fatal shot was fired by Baster, who is superintendent of the Baker-Vawter Printing Company's plant, near where the riot occurred. The bullets which struck McGuire were also fired by the superintendent.

The riot was the outcome of three months' trouble with striking laborers at the printing establishment. The firm employs nothing but non-union labor, and three months ago several pressmen and feeders were discharged because they joined the union.

Miller was not employed by the firm but he has been in sympathy with the discharged men and it is asserted had been implicated in several assaults with them.

JAPS COMING BY THE THOUSAND.

Many Paupers and Contract Laborers Joining the Canadian Border.

YAKOVITZ, B. C. (Special).—United States Immigration Agent Hoyle of British Columbia, says 5000 Japanese immigrants have arrived in British Columbia, 5000 are on the way and 25,000 more will probably take passage before the end of the summer.

Mr. Hoyle says the Canadian and United States Governments should take joint action at once, as the Japanese are evading the laws by way to the 150 miles of unprotected border between Blaine and Seattle, paupers, contract laborers and all, and there is no machinery to prevent this wholesale border jumping.

Seattle and Puget Sound are being overrun with the Japs, who are gutting the labor market, and Mr. Hoyle says that, owing to the frequent infraction of immigration laws, friction is bound to arise between the Canadian and American Governments.

Unknown Man's Awful Death.

An unknown man committed suicide at the H. C. Frisco Coke Company's works in Connelville, Penn., by diving head first into a coke-oven, in full blast. He was incinerated in a minute.

Three Children Die in Fire.

Three children lost their lives in a fire in a New York City six-story tenement. They were Hannah, Amelia and Joseph Lebowitz, aged thirteen, eleven and five years respectively. Their father, Simon, their sister Dora, three years old, and Michael Rausbaum, sixty-eight year old, were badly hurt.

A New Navy For Spain.

Senator Silvela, President of the Council and Minister of Marine, at Madrid, Spain, has decided to ask the country to make a great financial sacrifice with a view of constructing a new navy.

WEPENER IS RELIEVED.

The Boers Raised the Siege and Retired Northward.

ALSO EVACUATED DEWETSDORP.

The Result of General Roberts' Extensive Operations—Efforts of General French to Intercept the Retreating Boer Army—Making is Hard Pressed and on Short Rations—News From Pretoria.

LONDON (By Cable).—General Roberts' extended movement for the clearance of his eastern flank has been directed from Bloemfontein over a front seventy miles long, from Kares Siding to Wepener. The principal changes effected were the relief of Wepener and the occupation of Dewetsdorp by General Chermides' division without opposition. General French made a close approach to the Thaba Nchu road, but was not in time to close it.

The War Office has issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Wednesday:

"The enemy retired from in front of Wepener last night, and this morning fled northward along the Ladybrand Road. Their number was between 4000 and 5000."

The relief of Colonel Dalgety's force was accompanied by General Brabant.

The following was the result of a special correspondent, dated Mafeking, Basutoland:

"I rode from Jammersburg here, skirting Wepener, and met General Brabant's advance guard four miles south of Wepener. They report three successful fights, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, with twenty-four casualties. The Boers were thirty-three killed and 182 wounded."

Earlier in the day the War Office received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Pole-Carew's division reached Rooop yesterday evening without suffering any casualties. Pole-Carew's advance was covered by cavalry and horse artillery, which drove back the enemy with heavy loss. Several of their dead were left on the ground."

"The mounted men fought the night at Grootfontein and at 7.30 this morning were crossing the Modder River at Valsburg, in accordance with my instructions to French to endeavor to place himself astride the enemy's line of retreat."

French's arrival near the Modder evidently, however, alarmed the Boers, for they evacuated their strong position near Dewetsdorp during the night and it was occupied by Chermides' division at 8.30 this morning.

"The mounted infantry under Ian Hamilton drove off the enemy from all the kopjes in the neighborhood of the waterworks. There were no casualties on our side. The Highland Brigade marched twenty-four miles yesterday in support of the mounted troops and halted for the night at Klip Krans, four miles south of Sanna's Post."

In a dispatch to the War Office Lord Roberts reports that the Boers, after the occupation of Dewetsdorp; On Friday, killed two; wounded three. Men wounded, twenty-two.

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McKinley took a rather roundabout way of going to Ohio to look after the Republican state convention.

The State Convention of the Populist Party met in Birmingham yesterday to select delegates to the National Convention.

The average Cuban can see no difference between paying for luxuries for Spanish officials and paying for those of American officers.

Gen. Miles was wise in informing the country that he had nothing to do with forcing canned "roast" beef on our soldiers in the Philippines.

Gen. Lew Wallace gave the administration another side swipe by ridiculing the idea of the United States making war on Turkey over a "despicable \$100,000."

It is a little suspicious that those papers which do not care to see Col. Bryan nominated are busy trying to create the impression that his health is breaking down.

If there is any popular demand for the nomination of Admiral Dewey for President, it is not known by the newspapers, which can always be depended upon to reflect public sentiment.

The Republican state conventions since the Porto Rico tariff bill became a law have not dared to toss any bouquets at that measure; but the Democrats will see that it isn't ignored in the campaign.

Senator Butler says the North Carolina delegates to the populist National Convention were instructed to vote for the nomination of Col. Bryan, and that he will get the electoral vote of the state.

The lookout by the mills in the steel trust gives the workmen a taste of what they may expect when all our industries are controlled by trusts, as they eventually will be if the Hanna regime is continued.

It is said that a Prophet is not without honor save in his own country, but this proverb was reversed last Saturday, W. D. Lacey, R. F. Cox and John S. Pitts each carried their respective beats almost solid.

Senator Wellington has announced his intention to vote as he talks, against imperialism. It is now up to Senator, who talks most beautifully against imperialism, but whose vote is counted upon by the imperialists.

The War Department should send additional doctors and nurses on the steamer that carries the nauseous mess labeled "canned roast beef" to the Philippines, they will be needed as soon as the soldiers begin eating the stuff.

In ordering large payments to favored army officers from Cuban revenues, without semblance of legal authority, McKinley and Secretary Root got ahead of the imperialistic programme and made themselves liable to impeachment.

Some of the Democrats said the Populist Party of Shelby county was dead, last Saturday's primary did not look like it, over one thousand white men participated in the selection of the candidates who are to be the standard bearers of the Populist Party.

When Senator Daniel, in reply to the Republican convention that the President could do as he pleased in Cuba regardless of Congress, said, "I deny that the President of the United States is above law," he voiced the sentiment of a large majority of our people.

Up to the beginning of the war with Spain, Gen. Leonard Wood, who was then a surgeon with the rank of Captain, lived in Washington, on a salary of \$1,800 a year; now the War Department considers it necessary to pay him \$7,500 a year out of the Cuban revenues, in addition to his salary of the same amount in order that he may live in Havana.

The Result of the Primary.

The Primary election of the Populist Party for the nomination of county officers, came off last Saturday, there was a light vote in some of the beats, but in a majority of the beats the voters turned out well considering the pretty weather for farming.

At this writing we have heard from all the beats except 2, 5, 12 and 13 and it is not thought that the returns from these beats will make any change in the nominations.

The nominations are as follows: G. B. Deans, for Representative. R. F. Cox, Sheriff. L. J. Carden, Treasurer. John S. Pitts, Tax Assessor. L. R. Kendrick, Commissioner.

The nominees are good men, and will make officers of whom the country might be proud. The defeated candidates all received a good vote and we are satisfied all will now join in the march to victory in August.

Direct Legislation.

But in a great nation of extended empire and numbering its citizens not by thousands but by millions this is impossible. But it does not follow that democratic government, the making of laws directly by the people as in the old democracies of Greece, is impracticable in the United States. We cannot, obviously, have a pure democratic government unless we change the old machinery for carrying it out, for the people of the United States cannot meet in one mass-meeting. But the machinery can be changed, new machinery can be introduced of a kind that will make democratic government, a government directly by the people, possible under the conditions that confront us. And in proposing the initiative and referendum this is just what is proposed, the introduction of new machinery that will make it possible for our people to enter directly into their own government, make it possible for they themselves to propose laws and vote laws independently of their legislative bodies, which they may preserve to do the routine and ordinary work of legislation, and further veto any laws which are not to their liking but which their legislators may pass.

Further, with such power reserved to our people through the initiative and referendum their legislatures, municipal, state, national, would be much less prone to act counter to the will of the people than now, much more likely to be prompt to carry out the wishes of the people and so prone to reflect their will. For legislators would not then be subjected to such temptations as now, temptations that lead them to disregard their trust, for those who now seek valuable grants, special privileges or class legislation, and stoop to corruption to secure such things of value, would not lay out money or effort to secure such things from legislative bodies when they knew that the people had the power to reverse the acts of such bodies by direct vote and when they were morally sure that the people would exercise such power, and would reverse such acts, if they, the seekers after valuable grants and special privileges, used such grants and privileges to levy a tax upon the public for private enrichment.—The American.

The war with Spain cost on an average of \$15 to each family in the United States, but because it was collected indirectly the poor dupes do not know that it cost any thing. Had that sum been levied and collected as are local taxes it would have caused a political upheaval that would have hurled any party into oblivion. But the men who study statecraft know how to tax the people into the poor house and yet be glorified for the act, just as people whooped it up for the most tyrannous monarch.—Ex.

Rootism, with its double salaries for favored army officers, in Cuba, and canned "roast beef" for our soldiers in the Philippines, is no improvement on Algerism. The who's war department seems to stand in need of a thorough fumigation, which it can only get by the election of a Democratic President.

A woman was sold at auction in Galveston, Texas, last Thursday for \$40. The woman was imported into this country for immoral purposes. She could not speak the English language. The sale was conducted in French, and the parties are supposed to belong to some southbound secret society.

THE FIRST STRIKE.

Miners at Montevallo Lay Down Their Tools.

The first strike which occurred on the 29th of April at the Montevallo coal mines which were opened just half a century ago, is now on. The mines are owned and operated by Congressman W. F. Aldrich, of the Fourth District, who it is said, cut the wages of the coal diggers 8 cents a ton. The question of wages came up on the new contract and the miners refused to sign for a longer period than up to July 1, and were given the alternative of signing the contract or letting the mines close down at once. They chose the latter rather than suffer a reduction in wages and everything is at a standstill. Both sides are very determined and indications point to a strike of long duration.—Age-Herald.

Cyclone at Orrville.

A terrific cyclone and hailstorm visited Orrville April 30. The farms of Louis Johnson, Macon Ellis and the Swan place were literally denude of vegetation. Corn and cotton were killed, and will have to be planted over. The trees were stripped of their foliage. Hail stones of enormous size fell, and several cows and hogs were found dead after the storm had passed. Fences and outhouses were swept away, and an enormous amount of damage was done. The storm was followed by a heavy rain.

Longview Snaps.

Geo. L. Scott went to Parkwood Friday night on business.

J. B. Adams went to Birmingham Thursday on business.

C. E. Hale went to Birmingham Saturday on business. He can't hear anything now as he has got pay for his car of iron at last.

John E. Morris boarded the south bound passenger Monday morning on very important business.

J. O. Royal, of Dogwood, was here a short while Sunday.

W. S. Wilson, M. D. and Surgeon is visiting his sister at Fayetteville this week.

Mrs. W. M. Durden, who has been visiting her father's family here returned to her home at Dogwood last week.

J. P. Atkinson went to Birmingham Tuesday on business.

J. B. Adams was called to New York Friday to see some sick relatives, and hasn't returned yet.

R. A. Hawkins is now locomotive engineer on the Great Western with J. P. Atkinson as fireman and J. M. Moland as conductor.

J. N. Broker carried Rev. H. C. Hale with him Sunday afternoon to see the girls over the ridge.

George called on his best girl Sunday night.

The primary passed off very quietly in this beat Saturday.

Bettie, of Campbranch, says that J. N. Brooker goes on Campbranch Sunday evenings dear hunting, she is off a little, B. has found his dear long ago.

E. R. Piper, Esq., must have been very successful with his charming smiles Sunday with the girls as he stayed all day.

Jessie Nabors escorted Miss Annie Roebuck out to church Sunday night, guess Jessie makes a good messenger for her also.

J. P. Atkinson has leave of absence for a short while. He anticipates taking several trips, going to Montgomery Wednesday and from there to New Orleans, La., and from there to Birmingham taking charge of his better half at Ganadique. E. A. Aldridge relieves Mr. Atkinson on the night of the first inst.

Henry says he has the sweetest wife in the world, and we guess the railroad man, John Garrett got the next sweetest one, Rev. H. C. Hale says he wants the next sweetest one.

Since John Garrett has become a member of R. C. Naish's family, guess he will get the benefit of that new furniture instead of Wingate and Walker. Though we did not know that John was a railroad man until it was published in the Agents Herald, guess he told the Probate Judge at Columbus, Ga., he was an operator.

NELLIE.

Bismark's Iron Nerve.

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where stomach, liver, kidney and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of the brain and body. Only 25 cents at Hall drug store.

Center School House Dots.

Health of our community not very good. Old Puck continues very poorly.

We will state that rain has been plentiful in this section.

John and Walter Almon, of near Wilsonville, was the happy guests of Misses Ella and Lula Mitchell Sunday.

J. F. Baker was riding through our community Sunday. We suppose a guest hunting, and we hope him happy success.

Walter Lyons was the happy escort of Miss Ellen Bradbery Sunday evening.

Farmers have about finished planting cotton and are preparing for other work.

Walter Moore was the happy escort of Miss Florence Bradbery Sunday.

Burny Crumpton and Lester Farr spent Sunday evening on Yellow Leaf with their best girls.

Miss Mattie Ray and Lela Adams passed through our community Sunday.

John Bolin and Lonzo Smith, of Wilsonville, was in our community Sunday.

Old Puck.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out pains and aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hall, the druggist.

When a woman says she has been shut up in the house all day Sunday, it generally means that she has stayed indoors all day making her husband miserable because she wouldn't go out.

Ballard's Snow Liniment cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Sick Headache, Sore Throat, Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Old Sores, Corns, and all pain and inflammation. The most penetrating liniment in the world. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by Williams Bros.

The sandwiches women have at afternoon teas were never made to really eat any more than their handkerchiefs were made to blow their nose with.

Confederate Veterans Reunion, Louisville, Ky., May 30, June 3d.

For the occasion of the Annual Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans at Louisville, Ky., May 30 to June 3, the Southern Railway will sell tickets from points on its lines to Louisville, Ky., at very low rates. These tickets will be sold from points in Tennessee on May 28, 29 and 30, and from other points May 27, 28 and 29, limited until June 10. An additional extension of the final limit until June 25 may be secured provided tickets are deposited with joint agent of the terminal lines at Louisville on or before June 4, and on payment of fee of 50 cents.

The Southern Railway offers excellent service enroute to Louisville, and those contemplating the trip should communicate with the nearest Ticket Agent of the Southern Railway for sleeping car reservation and any information desired.

FOR SALE.

AT A GREAT BARGAIN, small stock of groceries. Will sell cheap and on good terms, and rent building very cheap, cause for selling moving.

DENSLER MERCANTILE CO., Wilsonville, Ala.

Reduced Rates via Southern.

The Southern Railway announces reduced rates from points on its line for the following occasions:

General Assembly, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., May 17-25, 1900, tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip, selling date May 15 to 17 inclusive, with final limit to return May 26th.

General Assembly Presbyterian Church Atlanta, Ga., May 17-26. Tickets will be sold on May 15, 16 and 17, limited to return May 29, at one fare for round trip.

General Assembly Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Mo., May 17-31. Tickets will be sold May 15, 16 and 17, with final limit to return June 23, at rate of one fare for round trip.

For further information regarding these occasions, apply to nearest Southern Railway Ticket Agent.

W. A. PARKER,

Livery and Feed Stables.

Bring me all your old iron & plows.

LIKE THE SUN'S RAYS THROUGH A CLOUD

— COMES —

Dr. BELL'S PINE-TAR-HONEY

TO THE WEAK AND WEARY COUGH-WORN LUNGS.

Nature's Remedy improved by science to a harmless, pleasant, positive cure. COUGH, LUNG AND BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS never linger in contact with that most natural and speedy cure.

Dr. Bell's PINE-TAR-HONEY

advances a New Theory in the Treatment of Coughs. It cures the Cough by curing the Cause. This remedy cuts the mucus and destroys the germs of disease and heals and soothes, so that there is no inclination to cough. Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough and Lung Soreness disappear by its use as snow before the sunshine of spring.

TRY A 25c BOTTLE ON A GUARANTEE.

ALL DRUGGISTS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED to refund the price if it fails to give entire satisfaction in any and all cases, child or adult.

BRONCHITIS CURED. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is the best cough remedy we have ever used. My wife had a severe case of bronchitis and throat trouble, and a sample bottle relieved her to such an extent that I bought a dollar bottle for her, and she is now almost fully recovered. We will never be without Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey in our house.—T. A. Wilburn, Taylorsville, Ky.

CONSUMPTION CURED. I have sold Pine-Tar-Honey for one year. Find it a splendid remedy and good seller. Sold five bottles to Miss Stella Howell, of this place, who was considered to have consumption. She is now in good health.—J. T. Graham, Druggist, Grantsburg, Ill.

PNEUMONIA PREVENTED. I had a very severe cold and sore throat—in fact, I thought I was taking pneumonia. I got a 50-cent bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, and after using it one day and night I can say that it is the best remedy that I ever used. I recommend it highly to everybody.—Lewis C. Davis, J. P., Allenville, Mo.

Lookout for Substitutes: Demand BELL'S PINE-TAR-HONEY

And do not let any druggist offer you one of those cheap syndicate cough mixtures on which he makes a big profit.

DR. BELL'S PINE-TAR-HONEY is sold by all good druggists.

Prepared only by THE E. E. SUTHERLAND MEDICINE CO., Paducah, Ky.

Sold by WILLIAMS BROS., Columbiana, Ala.

W. E. MERRELL, Shelby, Ala.

STRICTLY BUSINESS.

When you want a Hat come to the

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You are sure to get the latest styles, also Corsets to suit all ages and figures from three years old and up at living prices.

Belts, Silk and Kid Gloves, Ladies and Childrens Hose, Skirts and other Articles.

You will be treated nicely. Come and see my stock before purchasing ELSEWHERE.

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A BOON TO MANKIND!

DR. TABLER'S BUCKEYE

DR. TABLER'S BUCKEYE PILE CURE. Cures Piles, Hemorrhoids, Itching, Swelling, Pain, Bleeding, and all other ailments of the rectum. Price 75¢.

A New Discovery for the Certain Cure of INTERNAL and EXTERNAL PILES, WITHOUT PAIN.

CURES WHERE ALL OTHERS HAVE FAILED. TUBES, BY MAIL, 75 CENTS; BOTTLES, 50 CENTS. JAMES F. BALLARD, Sole Proprietor, 310 North Main Street, ST. LOUIS, MO. For Sale by Williams Brothers, Columbiana, Alabama.

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We ship in PLAIN PACKAGES, no marks to indicate contents which will avoid all comments. When you get it and test it, if it is not satisfactory, return it at OUR EXPENSE and your \$3.20 will be cheerfully refunded. This Whiskey is as good as any \$5.00 goods in the market. We are close at hand and can give you QUICKER DELIVERY than distant houses. We have been doing business in this city and at the same stand for over 15 YEARS, and as to our RESPONSIBILITY AND REPUTATION for honest dealing, we refer you to any bank or merchant here or to the editor of this paper.

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I will be in Columbiana, THURSDAY, MAY 3.

Fully prepared to do all kinds of dental work. BEST SET OF TEETH \$8.00.

Other Work in Proportion.

All work fully guaranteed. As my time will be limited, parties desiring to have work done will please come in early. Respectfully,

J. MARION LOVETT, Bessemer, Ala.

Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Alabama, Shelby County, Lucinda Payton, Complainant, vs. R. O. Payton, Defendant.

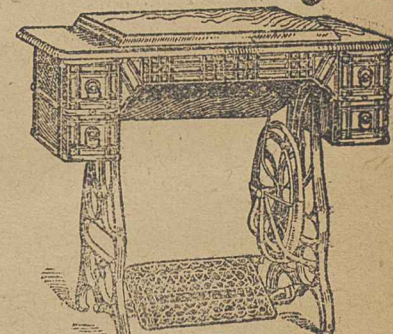
In this cause, it is made to appear to the Register by the affidavit of B. W. Brand that the defendant R. O. Payton is a non-resident of Alabama, and further, that the be of said affiant, the defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered, by the Register, that publication be made in the Peoples Advocate, a newspaper published in the town of Columbiana, Ala., once a week for four consecutive weeks requiring him, the said R. O. Payton, to plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 4th day of June, A. D., 1900, or, in thirty days thereafter, a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

Done at office, in Columbiana, Ala., this 24th day of May, A. D., 1900. J. R. WHITE, Register.

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FAMILY SEWING MACHINE

Possesses all the modern improvements to be found in any first-class machine. Sold at popular prices. Warranted ten years.

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Exclusive Territory given to responsible Dealers.

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Notice No. 21211.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

LAND OFFICE AT MONTGOMERY.

Montgomery, Ala., March 31, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala., on May 14, 1900, viz: Wm. L. Brasher, Homestead entry, No. 2837, for the southwest quarter of section 2, township 18 south of range 1 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. L. Vandiver, E. R. Isbell, J. L. Stout, John McMin, all of Vandiver, Ala. ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

Picnics will be next in order.

Blackberries will be plentiful.

Wm. R. A. Milner visited at Leeds this week.

E. J. Gilbert, of Beat 8, was in town Monday.

W. R. Oliver, of Calera, was in town Tuesday.

J. W. Mathews, of Calera, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. C. B. Duran is on a visit to relatives at Renfro.

Charlie Cary, of Montevallo, was in the city Tuesday.

Dr. T. G. Nelson, of Harpersville, was in town Monday.

Jim Sammons, of Wilsonville, was in town Monday.

J. R. Beavers and wife, returned Sunday from Vincent.

Miss Bessie Robertson is visiting relatives on Yellow Leaf.

The newly elected City Council held its first session Monday.

Frank Robertson, of Yellow Leaf, spent Sunday with homfolks.

Mrs. Mary Parker visited relatives in Montevallo this week.

Miss Sallie Lawrence is visiting relatives at Saginaw this week.

Miss Sallie Pearson visited relatives in Birmingham this week.

The Methodist Quarterly Conference was held at Shelby Monday.

E. B. Nelson spent a few days in Birmingham last week on business.

J. F. Pope, of Wilsonville, transacted business in the city Monday.

J. R. White and George Mason spent a few hours at Shelby Monday.

The Shelby County Medical Society held its session here Tuesday.

Mrs. C. J. Christian and children, of Shelby, visited relatives here last week.

Phillip Erlick spent a few days this week with relatives in Bessemer.

Commissioners court held an extra session here last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. W. W. Walls, of Shelby, spent last Friday in the city with friends.

Miss Elva Greek, of Aldrich, visited friends in the city Sunday and Monday.

A good many of our young folks went to Summerhill last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mamie Seabrook, of Childersburg, visited relatives in the city last Friday.

John Leeper, of Ensley, spent Sunday and Monday in the city with friends.

George Porter and wife, of Calera, spent a short while here Friday with friends.

Rev. George Mason and wife, of near Talladega Springs, are visiting relatives in the city.

Last Sunday evening being such a pleasant evening enticed the wheelmen out en masse.

Burgess Little and Frank Kroell, of Montevallo, were in the city Monday on business.

According to agreement, on Monday our merchants inaugurated the rule of closing up at 6:30.

"It seems like a dream," remarked one of our clerks after getting off from work before dark.

Miss Elia Hames, of Jackson, Ala., was the guest of Miss Kate Ross the first of the week.

The social given at the residence of E. D. Hall last Thursday night was enjoyed by all who attended.

W. B. Browne, who has been in Montgomery several weeks for his health, returned home last Friday.

Misses Lelia Parker and Sue McGehee, of Calera, spent Sunday in the city with relatives and friends.

News reached our city yesterday that some of the miners (ore diggers) at Shelby quit work, on account of a reduction in wages.

The Southern Railway will make some changes in the schedule of passenger trains next Sunday.

Both south and northbound trains will come later in the day.

"La Creole" Will Restore those Gray Hairs of Yours

Sold by HALL DRUG COMPANY.

SPRING 1900.

In extending an invitation to the trade to inspect our Spring Stock, we take pleasure in announcing that we are prepared to offer without question the largest and most complete and most desirable assortment ever shown by a retail Dry Goods House and maintain our reputation for best quality AT LOWEST PRICES.

We were fore-handed enough to make large purchases before the abrupt advance, thus placing us in a position to favor you on goods necessary to your success in life.

NEW WASH FABRICS.

For the Spring of 1900, we are enabled to show the greatest line of wash fabrics ever shown in Columbiana, it comprises the latest and newest fabrics produced, in foreign and domestic goods, and you will find a great many exclusive designs and fabrics not to be found elsewhere, we append a partial list of the favorites:

Sappho Dimity.....20
Dephadee Dimity.....10
Venecian Stripes.....25
Satin Plaid figured Organdie.....25
Ondine Madinet.....12
Kohinoor Lawns.....10
A. F. C. Madras in plaids.....12
French Madras.....10

Spring and Summer Dress Goods.
We have a beautiful line at prices that cannot be duplicated. Note a few specialties:

Hamilton Cashmere, double width, per yard.....15c
All Wool Cashmere, from.....20 to 25
All Wool Henrietta.....35 to 40
Silk Warp Henrietta, per yd.....90

SILK DEPARTMENT.

Fine, complete in every detail. Assortment larger than ever before, quality the best, prices the lowest, ranging from 35c to \$1.50 per yard.

White Goods Department.

Check Muslin, per yard.....5
Eton Lawn, per yard.....5
40-inch Plain Lawn, per yard.....10
Dimity Lawn from.....10 to 25
Pe-Kas from.....10 to 25

Notion Department.

This department is complete in every respect. We are always in the front with the latest novelties.
Umbrellas. We have all the latest styles, prices ranging from 50c to \$3.00

Staple Dry Goods.

Percales from 7 to 12 1/2 cents a yard. Best quality prints 5 cents a yard. Yard wide Bleaching, in remnants from 2 to 13 yard in piece. 5 cents a yard. Lot of remnant Calicoes at 4 cents a yard. Yard wide Suiting, in remnants 5 cents a yard. We still sell Aprons, ginghams at 5 a yard.

Laces and Embroideries.

You will find our line complete. Prices of Embroidery ranging from 5 cents a yard up. Embroidery and Lace Allovers for waists and fronts from 40 cents to \$1.50 per yard. Valenciennes Lace from 2 cents a yard up. Silk Lace in all widths and colors.

Cents' Furnishings.

Everything is strictly up to date in style. Handsome Silk Bosom Shirts from.....60c to \$1.25
Negligee Shirts.....40c up
Working Shirts.....25c to 50c
4-ply Linen Collar.....10c
Also a beautiful line of Neckwear at all prices.

CLOTHING.

There is no doubt that we are in the lead in this line, we can safely say we can save you money when you buy a suit from us, below we mention a few prices:
Mens' Black Clay worsted suits, worth \$7.00 our price.....\$5.00
Mens' Gray Cheviot Suits worth \$5.00 our price.....\$3.00
We also have a stock of stylish clothing in the newest cutaway Sack Suits, which we offer at the popular price, from \$7.00 to \$15.00. We also have a full line of Pants prices ranging from 65c to \$5.00.

HATS.

We have a full line and up to date line of Felt and Straws, in very latest novelties. See our line before you buy.

SHOES.

We have always made a success of this Department, and to keep in the lead we bought all of our entire stock before the advance, it will be to your benefit to see them before you buy.

MILLINERY.

We are still selling Millinery. Our stock is complete, and will take great interest in showing you all the latest, and newest styles and shapes in our Spring Line of Hats. Be sure to see our pretty hats before you buy.

WE ALSO CARRY A FULL LINE OF Groceries, Hardware, Crockery, Tinware and Furniture, Which you can buy from us at a very low price. Don't forget that we still sell 8 LBS. OF ARBUCKLES, LYONS, CORDOVA COFFEES FOR \$1.00. We also have the exclusive sale of the Florence Wagons. Don't Forget that We give a Nice Piece of Toilet Chinaware to every Customer spending \$2.00 in Cash.

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MINERS AND SHIPPERS OF

THE CELEBRATED MONTEVALLO COAL.

The Best Domestic Coal in the United States.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

We have been mining from the same vein of coal since

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Write for prices to

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Question Answered.

Yes, August Flowers still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers' and grandmothers' never thought of using anything else for indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce and they seldom heard of Appendixitis, Nervous Prostration or Heart failure, etc. They used August Flowers to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Sold by Hall Drug Co.

LOANS.

I will undertake to negotiate loans in sums of \$500 to \$2000 on improved farm lands for three or five years. A number of farmers in Shelby and St. Clair counties for sale or rent, on most favorable terms. Apply to J. L. WALKER, at Courthouse in Columbiana.

REMEMBER

That I carry a large and complete stock of FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES Which I will sell cheaper than you will find elsewhere. So call on me at the Moore corner. 1 ours to serve, J. H. HAMMOND. Southern Baptist Convention, Hot Springs, Ark., May 10-17. On account of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Hot Springs, Ark., May 10-17, 1900, the Southern Railway will sell tickets from points on its lines to Hot Springs, Ark., and return, at rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold May 7 to 10 inclusive, with limit to return until May 21, 1900. The schedule and sleeping car service afforded by the Southern Railway, is excellent and commensurate with the trip, should communicate with nearest ticket agent for any information.

Vincent.

Our bustling insurance agent, M. A. Jennings, is at home on a visit.

Miss Jessie Dean, of Birmingham, is visiting her friend, Miss Pelham, at this place.

Mrs. Lizzie Bell died at this place last Tuesday. She was a sufferer for several months, and death was a relief to her. She leaves six sons to mourn her death.

Robert Taylor has not been doing so well the past week.

A large part of the Baptist Sunday school attended the convention at Coosa Valley Saturday and Sunday, and reported a splendid time.

Mrs. Walter Bell is slowly improving from a severe illness.

Mrs. Mary Hitchcock has returned home after a visit to Harpersville.

Mrs. J. M. Kidd, of Birmingham, has been on a visit to friends and relatives here the past week.

Tom, why were you watching the road down to the creek so closely Sunday afternoon and looking so "lonesome-like?" Why didn't you do like B. and T?

QUID NUNC.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work. This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly and run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cts. Sold by Hall, the druggist."

100 Bushels Sherley Cotton Seed, at 40c, a bushel at J. H. HAMMOND.

Republicans

Of Shelby county will please not forget that Saturday, May 12th, is the day appointed to meet in Columbiana to put out a county ticket. No fusion. Straight goods.

W. W. WALLS, Chairman.

Big Snuff.

Three bottles of Snuff for 25 cents at J. H. HAMMOND.

Dr. J. M. Lovett, of Bessemer, is in the city.

R. W. Cobb, of Birmingham, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Alice Finley, of Calera, visited relatives here this week.

Go to the Moore corner and get your groceries of J. H. HAMMOND.

Every woman believes that there is a devil because there would have to be a devil to get some people.

I am still selling Tobacco with 100 spits or 52 slobos to the chew. J. H. HAMMOND.

A man's shoes fit his feet; a woman's feet fit her shoes.

I am selling Pratt's Food, a sure cure for all disease of Hogs, Horses and Cows. J. H. HAMMOND.

In Constipation Herbine affords a natural, healthful remedy, acting promptly. A few small doses will usually be found to so regulate the excretory functions that they are able to operate without any aid whatever. Price 50 cents. On sale at Williams Bros.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Columbiana Manufacturing Company on the 10th day of May for the making of the brick for their factory. The Company reserves the right to reject all bids.

Unless a woman eats sufficient nourishing food she can neither gain nor keep a good complexion. Food, when digested, is the base of all health, all strength, all beauty. Herbine will help digest what you eat, and give you the clear, bright, beautiful skin of health. Price 50 and 75 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

I wish to call the attention of the public to a line of Parasols just received. Also Shirts and Shirt Waists, please give me a call when in need of anything in my line. Mrs. L. C. ARMSTRONG.

Nothing has ever been produced to equal or compare with Tabler's Buckeye Pie Ointment as a curative and healing application for Piles, Fissures, blind and bleeding, external or internal, itching and bleeding of the Rectum. The relief is immediate and cure infallible. Price, 50 cts. in bottle, 75 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

Wilsonville.

Misses Blossom and Olive Densler returned home last week from Birmingham where they have been visiting relatives.

Several of the Fourmile boys were here Saturday.

The high streams must have cut the drummers off, as we have not been bothered with any this week.

Misses Ople and Rubie Kidd, of Vincent, were visiting here Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. S. S. Crumpton was in town Saturday attending the primary election.

We hope some one will write Four mile items next week, as apprehension seem to exist among our ladies that two of our young men were visiting out there Sunday evening.

The party given by Miss Vera Jackson Friday night was a success and was enjoyed by all who were present.

J. M. Kytte is smiling and crying, it is a girl.

Rev. Sinnott preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and Sunday night to large congregations.

Two of our young men came up missing Sunday evening, where they went is unknown to Simon Slick.

Charlie Bolin must be interested wherever we see him we see Miss Mamie also.

J. W. Spearman, of Fourmile, attended church at this place last Sunday. Mr. Spearman is one of Fourmile's noblest young men, and has many friends at this place.

Jim Ray, of this place, has started up a brick yard near here. We wish him much success in turning out a nice lot of brick.

We learn that Miss Emma Kytte anticipates spending the summer in Atlanta.

Mr. Editor, does it not look reasonable to you that Blossom's and Olive's will draw more attention than any other flower, whoever doubts this statement call at the postoffice and Lon and Charlie will testify to the above.

SIMON SLICK.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught and which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. He suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and used it. Her family found herself benefited from the first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottle of the Great Discovery at Hall drug store. Only 50 cents and \$1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

Campbranch Happenings.

Prof. John Hughes, of Wilsonville, spent Saturday night in our community with friends.

John W. Naish has been very low for the past few days, but is improving some.

John Garrett went to Columbiana Friday on business.

M. N. Foust is some better than he has been for the past few weeks.

Our farmers are about through planting cotton.

Quite a number of our young men attended divine service at Mt. Era near Lynch Sunday.

One of our boys went to Columbiana last Saturday, we suspect he had business with Judge Longshore.

A. M. Piper, of Aldrich, is home for a short while on account of the miners strike there.

On last Friday night John Garrett and Miss Lena Naish taken silent leave from the latter's home and drove across the country to Irondale, and taking the train at that place went to Columbus, Ga., where they were happily married in the mayor's office of that city Saturday. We wish them a long, happy and useful life.

B. F. Butler, of Ebenezer, spent Sunday night here with sick relatives.

John Hale has been sick for the last few days.

Madame Rumor has it that we may have another wedding soon.

We glean from yesterday's Age-Herald an account of a runaway marriage of a couple in Columbus, Ga., from Irondale this state. We agree with the Age-Herald in all that it says in regard to the bride, but when it comes to the groom we would inform that paper that instead of being a prominent young railroad man, he is a young farmer, as the couple happened to be from this community instead of Irondale.

BETTY.

Many a fair young child, whose father has puzzled the mother, until she has suspected rightly her darling was troubled with worms, has regained the rosy hue of health with a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. Price 25c. On sale at Williams Bros.

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FOUGHT FOR FIVE DAYS.

Heroic Defense of an American Garrison Attacked by Filipinos.

TEN OUT OF THIRTY SURVIVED.

Besieged in a Church on the Island of Samar—Killed Over Two Hundred of Enemy—Refused to Surrender—Rescue Effected by an Officer and Eight Men—Filipinos Becoming Aggressive.

MANILA (By Cable).—The American garrison of Catubig, Island of Samar, consisting of thirty men belonging to the Forty-third Regiment, has been attacked by rebels. Twenty of the Americans were killed. The remainder were rescued.

The Americans were quartered in the Catubig Church, which the enemy, numbering several hundred men, surrounded and attacked ferociously. The Americans fought sleeplessly for two days and then



the rebels managed to ignite the roof of the church and it burned away and finally fell on those inside the altar. The walls remained intact, however, and were used as a shelter by the besieged Americans for three days longer, the enemy attacking the building on all sides at once.

The Americans continued firing from the windows and doors of the church and did great execution on the Filipinos. It is estimated that more than two hundred of the latter were killed. Many dead bodies were removed from the scene of the fighting.

After five days' resistance by the Americans a lieutenant and eight men arrived from Iloilo and engaged the besiegers, who thereupon retired.

The fortunate arrival of the reinforcements prevented the annihilation of the American force in the church, which had declined repeatedly to surrender when ordered to do so by the Filipinos.

The ten survivors were without food, had little ammunition and were physically exhausted when relieved.

The fight has encouraged the Filipinos, who are acting in an aggressive manner and threatening the evacuation of the particularly the town of Catubig, whence the garrison will probably be withdrawn to Iloilo.

AGUINALDO REPORTED DEAD.

The belief is growing that the Igorot has been killed.

MANILA (By Cable).—The belief is growing that Aguinaldo was killed by the Igorots. There is no proof that he has been alive since Major Payton G. Marsh, of the Thirty-third Regiment, abandoned the chase after the Filipino leader in the Benguet Mountains, and an insurgent officer who recently surrendered to General Young says that the insurgent General Emilio holds this belief.

Major Marsh's information was that there were only ten or twelve soldiers with Aguinaldo when he fled beyond the Bontoc wilderness, where the savages are hostile to all strangers. Friends of Aguinaldo's wife assert that she has heard nothing from him since they parted. She is nearly prostrated with worry.

BUFFALO STRIKE SETTLED.

Differences Between the New York Central and Employees Adjusted.

BUFFALO, N. Y. (Special).—An amicable adjustment of existing differences between the members of the Car Repairs' Association employees of the New York Central and Superintendent Waitt, of the motive power department, who represented the company, was concluded after a conference lasting several hours.

The Central made unexpected concessions to the men, granting their wage scale except for those amendments. Carpenters, twenty-one cents an hour, or one cent an hour less than the demand; machinists, twenty-two cents an hour, or one cent less than the demand; inspectors, \$22.50 a month, or \$2.50 less than the demand. This means a considerable increase in the wages of all the original strikers.

The strikers voted to accept the terms made by Superintendent Waitt, but decided not to return to work until the same schedule is adopted by the other roads. The new schedule will increase the payroll in this one Central shop here \$50,000 a year.

For Five Holland Boats.

The United States Senate Committee on Naval Affairs decided to recommend the amendment of the Naval Appropriation bill so as to authorize the purchase of five submarine torpedo boats of the Holland type.

Campfire Goes Up Supply Short.

Owing to the recent assumption of the control of the campfire trade of the island of Formosa by the Japanese Government and that Government's action in fixing a new sale rate, the price of campfire has risen.

Hail and Rain Damage Tea Crops.

Reports received at Calcutta from the tea districts in India show the prospects are generally unfavorable. Hail and rain storms have done much damage to the crops.

Scheme to Fool Americans.

The old scheme of fooling Americans by leading them to believe they are heirs to English Chancery estates is again in operation.

Four Killed at a Crossing.

A wagon containing five persons was struck by an express train at Orangeville, just outside of Baltimore, Md., with the result that four were killed and one badly injured. The party in the wagon consisted of Alex Slayman, his three children and Henry L. Kline. Kline and the three children were killed. The party was returning from a fishing trip.

Near Admiral Watson Homeward Bound.

The flagship Baltimore, with Admiral Watson aboard, homeward bound, sailed from Annapolis for Baltimore.

THE CANAL BILL PASSED.

The Vote in the House Was 225 For to 35 Against.

An Overwhelming Majority Recorded For the Measure After One of the Hottest Fights Ever Known in Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The House at the conclusion of the most stormy debate of the present session of Congress, passed the Nicaragua Canal bill by the overwhelming vote of 225 to 35.

Much excitement reigned throughout the day, and several times bitter words were used. The excitement reached a climax in a highly dramatic scene between Mr. Hepburn and Mr. Cannon, when the Iowan denounced the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee for attempting to "dishonor" him.

In Committee of the Whole amendments were permitted except those proposed by the committee reporting the bill, although quite a number were proposed. The House adopted the one changing the word, "fortifications" to "provisions," by a vote of 184 to 104. A motion to recom-



mit was lost, 52 to 174, and the bill then passed.

Those who voted nay were Acheson (Rep., Penn.), Adams (Rep., Penn.), Burton (Rep., Ohio), Cannon (Rep., Ill.), Capron (Rep., R. I.), Clark (Dem., Mo.), Coker (Dem., Mo.), Cowherd (Dem., Mo.), Cox (Dem., Tenn.), Dalzell (Rep., Penn.), De Armond (Dem., Mo.), Denny (Dem., Md.), Dougherty (Dem., Mo.), Fleming (Dem., Ga.), Fletcher (Rep., Minn.), Gaston (Dem., Penn.), Gillett (Rep., Mass.), Graham (Rep., Penn.), Hitt (Rep., Ill.), King (Dem., Utah), Lawrence (Rep., Mass.), Lester (Dem., Ga.), Levy (Dem., N. Y.), Littler (Rep., N. Y.), Littlefield (Rep., Mo.), McCall (Rep., Mass.), Neville (Rep., Neb.), Rhea (Dem., Ky.), Rucker (Dem., Mo.), Shafer (Ill., Col.), Sprague

(Rep., Mass.), Stewart (Rep., Wis.), Talbot (Dem., S. C.), Thayer (Dem., Mass.), Vandiver (Dem., Mo.),—35.

The canal bill passed. It is divided into four sections, the first of which appropriates such sum as may be necessary to enable the President of the United States to acquire from Costa Rica and Nicaragua control of territory now belonging to those countries, on which to construct a canal of a depth and capacity sufficient for ships of the canal and harbors for their vessels from a point near Greytown on the Caribbean Sea, via Lake Nicaragua, to Brito on the Pacific.

Section 2 provides that when said territory is acquired, the President shall direct the Secretary of War to construct said canal, with necessary harbors and terminals, and to employ such civil engineers as may be necessary.

Other sections provide that in the construction of the canal the San Juan River and Lake Nicaragua shall be used as far as available; that the President shall guarantee to Costa Rica and Nicaragua the use of the canal and harbors for their vessels and citizens upon such terms as may be agreed to; appropriates \$10,000,000 to begin the work, and authorizes the Secretary of War to contract for materials and work for the construction and protection of the canal, the whole to be paid for from time to time, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$40,000,000.

SIX VILLAGES DESTROYED.

Terrible Results of Forest Fires in Northern Michigan.

MANISTE, Wis. (Special).—Six villages in northern Michigan, just across the State line, have been wiped out by forest fires. Those destroyed are Ames, Nathan, Tabor, Gardner, Swansee and Arnold—all on the Wisconsin and Michigan Railroad. The inhabitants were all saved, special trains being run to their aid.

The fires were reported to be the fiercest north of Fisher, Mich. Scores of lumber camps have been destroyed and the losses to the lumber industries will be heavy. In addition, thousands of acres of valuable timber tracts have been fire-swept, entailing great loss.

Nebraska Republicans Meet.

The Republican State Convention of Nebraska met at Lincoln and nominated a State ticket headed by Charles H. Dietrich, of Hastings, for Governor. The convention chose as delegates-at-large to the National Convention Edward Rosewater, United States Senator John H. Thurston, John H. McClay, and John A. Ehrhardt. The platform adopted praised the enactment of the gold standard, declared for expansion and favored an increase in the army.

Three Democratic State Conventions.

The Democratic State Convention of New Hampshire met at Concord and selected delegates-at-large to the National Convention at Kansas City. The delegates were instructed to vote for W. J. Bryan. The Democratic State Convention of Virginia met at Norfolk and selected delegates to the National Convention and the candidacy for President of W. J. Bryan was endorsed. The Democrats of Michigan in State Convention selected delegates to the National Convention and instructed them to vote for W. J. Bryan. These State Conventions adopted resolutions reaffirming the Chicago Platform of 1892, and declaring against imperialism.

Killing at Knoxville.

At Knoxville, Tenn., Rufus F. Beard fired three shots into the heart of George Turner, killing him instantly. A large crowd was in the vicinity, and after the fatal shots at Turner, Beard turned upon the crowd, then rushing upon him, and leveled his pistol. He was seized before he fired again. Turner was advancing on Beard with an open knife when the shots were fired.

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Culton's trial will come up at the regular September term of court. The trials of the other accused prisoners will be held at Georgetown.

Kentucky Town Burned.

The business part of Glasgow, Ky., was swept away by a fire beginning Saturday, causing a loss of \$150,000. It began in Raubold's store and residence, which were consumed, causing a loss of \$20,000. Extending southward it destroyed everything including the Methodist church, the telephone exchange, the Republican newspaper office, and both telegraph offices.

Baby Elephants at the Elks' Carnival.

The management of the Elks' Carnival, which will take place in Birmingham during the week beginning May 14, is in receipt of a cablegram from Cross, of Liverpool, which states that two midget elephants will be on exhibition on the Midway. They are the smallest specimens of their kind ever born to live. Together they weigh 800 pounds.

SWEPT BY TORNADOES.

Several Persons Killed and Much Property Destroyed in Kansas.

A special from Kansas City, Mo., says: No less than a dozen tornadoes of more or less severity are reported to have occurred Sunday in central Kansas; in Saline, Ellsworth and Barton counties, which join each other. At Ellinwood, Barton county, three persons are reported killed.

Other storms are reported near Ellsworth and Kanopolis, in Ellsworth county, and near Brookville, in Saline county. Near Kanopolis eight distinct funnel-shaped clouds developed within a radius of twenty miles, four of them large ones, and two of which are known to have traveled over the earth for a space of twenty-five minutes.

Brookville reports six tornadoes traversed the county in as many different directions from that town without touching it. In no instance are details reported. The destruction wrought has probably been in the territories at inaccessible points.

Two persons are known to have been killed and three injured. Wires are down in the affected districts, making it impossible to accurately sum up the damages done.

Texas Town Destroyed.

One-third of the houses in Garcia, a town in Denton county, Texas, were destroyed Sunday by a tornado. No one was hurt, as, warned by a big black cloud, the people sought refuge in storm houses before the tornado reached them. Reports from other sections of Denton county show that several houses at Little Elm were demolished and several persons injured.

KILLED BY A PREACHER.

Sensational Shooting Affair Between Prominent Men in South Carolina.

One of the most sensational homicides in the history of Bamberg, S. C., occurred Friday when Rev. W. E. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist church, shot and almost instantly killed W. T. Bellinger, stenographer of the judicial district. Trouble between the two began the day previous over the painting of a fence between the premises of John B. Bellinger, father of the deceased, and the Baptist parsonage. Friday Bellinger met Rev. Johnson, who was armed with a double-barreled shotgun. A few words passed, which led to firing by both parties. When assistance arrived Bellinger was dying.

The families connected with the affair are of the most influential in the town.

FIGHT ON PANAY ISLAND.

Four Americans Killed and Sixteen Wounded.

A dispatch received in Manila from Iloilo reports that a desperate fight took place at Leambanao, in the center of the island of Panay.

It appears that a reconnoitering party of the Twenty-sixth infantry was surrounded and that four of the Americans were killed and sixteen others severely wounded were left on the field. The remainder of the soldiers had a narrow escape.

The dispatch adds that reinforcements were sent from Iloilo as soon as news of the affair was received, whereupon the Filipinos retreated to their mountain stronghold.

Bishop Capers Is Selected.

Bishop Ellison Capers, of the diocese of South Carolina, the distinguished ex-confederate general, has been selected to deliver the memorial sermon at the confederate reunion at Louisville, Ky., Sunday, June 3.

Preparing to View Sun's Eclipse.

Professor Stone, of the University of Virginia and director of the Lander McCormick Observatory, is at Winnsboro, S. C., where he has selected a location for observing the eclipse of the sun on the 28th. He will be accompanied by three eminent mathematicians and astronomers and will begin work at once on a great photographic camera, thirty-nine feet in length, with a lens five inches in diameter. The plates will be triple coated and 14x17 inches in size. For visual study two telescopes will be used.

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REORGANIZATION BILL PASSED.

Entire Staff Arrangement of the Army Revolutionized.

Friday's session of the senate was rendered especially notable by the passing, after a debate lasting only three hours, of the army reorganization bill. In military circles the measure is regarded as one of the most important of the present session.

It practically revolutionizes the present staff arrangements of the army. It proposes to change the present system of permanent appointments in certain staff corps to one of detail by a gradual process, as the officers now in those corps go out of active service. As vacancies occur in the department of the adjutant general and the inspector general, quartermaster general and commissary general, they are to be filled by details from the line, the details to be temporary and not to exceed four years.

The bill discontinues the regimental organization of the artillery and establishes an artillery corps of two branches, viz: 126 batteries of coast artillery and 18 batteries of field artillery, with a total of 17,448 men. It provides for an increase of 100 in the corps of cadets at West Point. The rank of the commanding general of the army is raised to that of lieutenant general, and that of adjutant general to major general.

The fortifications appropriation bill, carrying about \$7,500,000 was passed.

SITUATION IN PHILIPPINES.

General Otis Sends Report of April Operations in the Islands.

The war department has received the following report from General Otis:

April captures from enemy, 80 pieces artillery, 1,209 rifles, considerable ammunition and large stores property. During early portion of the month the enemy was active in extreme northern and southern Luzon and some Visayan islands. Our reported losses for the month, thirteen enlisted men killed; three officers, twenty-four enlisted men wounded; rumored recent loss in Samar of nineteen killed, and number wounded not yet reported. This is due to small detachments scouting in mountains and in the interior of the island. The enemy losses officially reported were 1,721 killed, wounded and captured. Leading Filipinos express confidence in the early pacification of the island. They say the war has terminated.

GOVERNOR LEARY'S REPORT

On the Management of Guam. His Money Stock Increased.

Governor Leary has sent to the navy department another of his characteristic official reports about affairs in Guam, including the results of a thorough census taken under his direction and a financial statement for the first six months of his administration which shows a gratifying increase of surplus of Mexican dollars in the island treasury. American money has not yet entered into circulation in Guam and the figures in the balance sheet represent the silver currency left there by the Spaniards.

Arrested for Embezzling \$13,600. M. Wilenski, manager of the Savannah Shoe & Dry Goods Company, was arrested in Savannah, Ga., on the charge of embezzling \$13,600. The Wilenski Company recently went into bankruptcy. Fraud was charged, and at an investigation sufficient evidence was heard to lead to the issuing of a warrant.

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CURRENT ALABAMA TOPICS

Gathered From All Sections of the State.

GRAND ARMY MEN ELECT OFFICERS

Peculiar Accident in Huntsville—Election to Choose Wheeler's Successor Ordered—Bishop Jackson Dead—Other News Items.

Huntsville Will Celebrate.

Business men of Huntsville have begun to agitate the matter of fittingly celebrating the Fourth of July by having a street fair on July 4 and 5 and a flower and business parade.

Bishop Jackson Dead.

Bishop H. M. Jackson died at Roseland, his home, near Eufaula, last Friday. His death was the result of chronic disorder, from which he has suffered for several years. Dr. Jackson was elected bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal church in Alabama in 1891. At the time of his election he resided in Richmond.

Election Order For August 6.

Governor Johnston has ordered an election to choose a successor to General Wheeler in congress from the Eighth Alabama district, for August 6. General Wheeler will likely offer to succeed himself. It is generally known that Judge William Richardson, of Huntsville, and Captain Samuel Blackwell, of Decatur, will announce their candidacy.

Peculiar Accident at Huntsville.

Night Watchman Clarence Jamar, at the jail in Huntsville, was found dead at his place a few days ago. He had gone to sleep on a bench, his head lying on his folded cot, which he had used for a pillow, and under the cot was his pistol. It is supposed Jamar accidentally discharged the pistol during the night by some movement. The bullet entered his head just back of the ear and ranged upwards.

Federation of Women's Clubs.

The sixth annual convention of the Alabama Federation of Women's clubs, which convened in Birmingham last week, completed its labors and adjourned to meet next year in Montevallo. The convention was in many respects the most successful ever held by the federation and will greatly encourage the woman's club movement, which has taken a strong hold in this state. Mrs. Ross of Auburn was elected president of the federation.

Grand Army Men Elect Officers.

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Alabama, held in Cullman last week, elected the following officers:

Department Commander—G. B. Randolph, of Anniston No. 3.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—R. H. Allison, New Decatur.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—H. J. Remmyton, Moulton.

Department Chaplain—Manoah Bostick, Birmingham.

Medical Director—George Hoerig, Cullman.

Assistant Adjutant-General—W. H. Hunter, Birmingham.

Assistant Quartermaster-General—Ed Birchenough, Birmingham.

Delegates to National Encampment—George F. Jackson, Birmingham.

Alternate to National Encampment—George Hoerig, Cullman.

Anniston was selected as next meeting place.

Furnace Explosion in Birmingham.

By the blowing out of No. 1 of the city furnaces of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company in Birmingham Saturday night, \$75,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire and several furnace men narrowly escaped death in its most horrible form. The escape of the molten iron through an unnatural channel caused an explosion which blew out the back of the furnace and scattered the liquid metal in all directions, setting fire to the inflammable material with which it came in contact.

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A Canning Factory for Vinemont.

Articles have been filed for the incorporation of the Vinemont Canning and Provision company, with a capitalization of \$15,000. John Benesch, R. Stoll, George Sandler, H. M. Shaw and Arthur E. Patten are the incorporators. The object of the promoters is to erect at Vinemont a large factory for canning all kinds of fruits and vegetables.

Rewards Offered for Murderers.

The governor has offered a reward of \$150 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of John H. Murphy. The crime was committed in Birmingham April 25, 1900. A reward of \$100 for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Lee county, at the jail, of Dan Edwards. Edwards is accused of the murder of Marlow Martin.

To Issue \$1,500,000 in Bonds.

At a called meeting of the Birmingham Belt railroad held Saturday, directors were authorized to issue \$1,500,000 in bonds, secured by a mortgage on the properties of the company. It is understood that the money realized from the bonds will be used in making extensive improvements on the property, which will probably include an enlargement of the belt system.

Primary in Bullock.

A primary for county officers was held in Bullock county Saturday. All beats have reported but two. The nominees are G. A. Ritch, sheriff; N. H. Frazer, tax collector; A. W. Beverly, treasurer; H. P. Chappell and T. S. Jones, justices; J. T. Knight, bailiff. T. F. McGowan and T. A. Craven are leading for tax assessor and superintendent of education, respectively, and are considered safe.

Seventy-five True Bills Returned.

The Bibb county grand jury adjourned Saturday. Its final report stated that the jurors had examined one hundred and eighty-three witnesses, investigated seventy-seven cases, and returned seventy-five true bills. It also recommended that the commissioners' court make some arrangement for the safe keeping of the public records of the county. There are no vaults, and in case of fire very likely none of the records would be saved.

Littleton Found Guilty.

Frank Littleton, charged with the murder of Mrs. Ella Hodges, was convicted Saturday, at Opelika, of murder in the first degree and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The trial consumed three days and was the most largely attended case Lee county has had in many years. The evidence was circumstantial, but very binding and there was little doubt of his guilt. The woman was his wife's sister and was murdered by drowning.

Large Attendance at Race Conference.

Bookings at the hotels in Montgomery already promise a large attendance at the conference of the Southern Society for the Promotion of the Study of Race Conditions and Problems in the South.

The convention will hold its first session on the evening of May 8 and continue for three days. The convention will be held in the new Auditorium, and the first session will be called to order by J. B. Gaston, of Montgomery, who will be temporary chairman. Many prominent scholars, thinkers and orators in the country are included in the program, and the gathering will be of interest, not only to the south, but to the entire country.

Smallpox at Paint Rock.

Dr. Callen, the county health officer, has advised Scottsboro to quarantine against Paint Rock, owing to the smallpox outbreak at that place. There is a large pencil factory at Paint Rock which employs about 100 hands, and it is feared that the disease will become epidemic there.

To Increase Capacity.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Eufaula cotton mills it was decided to increase the capacity of the mills as soon as possible, and to expend a sum not to exceed \$150,000.

Shooting Affray in Birmingham.

Charles McFetridge, who was shot by "Dumpy" McDonald during a melee in the German village at the State fair in Birmingham last fall, was shot again Friday night and perhaps fatally wounded by Robert S. Allen, who claims to have acted in self-defense. The shooting appears to have been the result of a family quarrel.

JUDGE CULBERSON DEAD.

One of the Best Known Men in Public Life Passes Away.

Ex-Congressman David B. Culbertson, father of United States Senator Charles A. Culbertson, of Texas, died at his home in Jefferson, Tex., Monday. He had been suffering from grippe, and for the last two or three days was unconscious at intervals, so that his death was not unexpected.

Ex-Congressman Culbertson served several terms as a democrat in the lower house of the national legislature and was at one time a prominent candidate for the speakership. He was for a long time chairman of the judiciary committee of the house and was regarded as one of the best constitutional lawyers in public life. At the time of his death he was one of the commissioners appointed to revise the statutes of the United States.

EXPOSITION FOR CHARLESTON.

Will Ask for Charter and Consideration by Congress. The South Carolina and Inter

The Boer women are running the farms while the men and boys are doing the fighting. Surely such a people deserves liberty.

The Southern Railway offers excellent service enroute to Louisville, and those contemplating the trip should communicate with the nearest Ticket Agent of the Southern Railway for sleeping car reservation and any information desired.

Mrs. W. H. England—All west of railroad of north east quarter of north west quarter, section 13, township 22 range 2 west. Tax and cost \$2.09. printers fee

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SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Beats.

Business is quite dull.
A slight frost last Friday morning.

Gordon DuBose returned last Friday from New York.

J. L. Peters spent yesterday in Birmingham.

F. B. Miller spent a few days in Birmingham this week.

W. E. Harrison, of Montevallo, was in the city Tuesday.

W. F. Thetford spent a few days in Montgomery this week.

I. C. Shrader, of Harpersville, was here Saturday on business.

J. S. Pearson and family visited relatives at Gary last week.

Mrs. George Mason visited relatives at Shelby last Friday.

Mrs. I. W. Bailey, of Calera, visited relatives here this week.

Forest Oates, of Pelham, was in town Sunday visiting friends.

A. M. Elliott made a business trip to Montevallo last Friday.

Miss Linnie Seales visited friends at Ashby a few days this week.

J. P. McGraw, of Harpersville, was in town last week on business.

E. P. Quigley, of Birmingham, was in the city Monday on business.

W. B. Browne and family spent last Friday at Talladega Springs.

J. J. Falkner and wife, of Sterrett, spent last Thursday in the city.

L. W. Jackson, of Anniston, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Supt. Eugene Williams, of Vincent, was in town Saturday on business.

Charlie Duran, of Anniston, spent a few days here last week with relatives.

G. W. Nivens and Robert McEwen, of beat 9, were in town Saturday.

Miss Kate Huyett spent a few days at Shelby last week with friends.

Rev. J. P. Word and family, of Calera, spent Sunday here with friends.

Misses Ethel Millstead and Pauline Nelson visited friends at Shelby Sunday.

R. A. O'Hara, of Wilsonville, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. A. E. McGraw and John S. Pitts, of Vincent, were in the city Saturday.

Miss Lucy Smith, of Shelby Springs, visited friends in the city Saturday.

Misses Powell and Seabrook, of Childersburg, visited friends here last week.

We learn that several new wheels will soon make their appearance on our streets.

Miss Lizzie Horton spent Saturday and Sunday on Yellow Leaf with relatives.

E. W. Chapman, of Montevallo, spent several days here this week with friends.

Dr. B. H. Smothers and wife, of Weldon, spent yesterday in the city with friends.

W. W. Wallace, Jr., of Klein, spent a few days in the city last week with friends.

Rev. W. I. Sinnott filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Misses Law and Morgan, of Shelby Springs, spent a few hours here Sunday with friends.

C. D. Pearson and wife spent several days last week with relatives and friends at Bridgeton.

The young men of our city met last Monday night and organized a baseball team for the season.

With the erection of the cotton factory, there will be several brick buildings erected in our city.

Evan Owen and Harmon Robinson, of Shelby, spent a few hours in the city Sunday with friends.

Mrs. C. B. Duran, after a pleasant visit of several days to relatives at Renfro, returned home Sunday.

Remember the ice cream supper next Tuesday night. Let everybody come and bring some one with them.

Quite a crowd from the northern part of the county were in town last Thursday in the interest of the stock law.

To day the directors of the Columbiana Manufacturing Company meets to open the bids for making the brick for the factory.

A small broom factory in our town would, we believe, be a profitable investment for some enterprising man of small means.

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Month Ending May 4th.

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Second Grade—Willie Longshore, Alger Robertson, Ronda Pitts.

Third Grade—Johnnie Barnett, Edith DuBose, Mary McMillan, Kate Morgan, Clarence Nelson, Luther Saxon.

Fourth Grade—Dinnie Mae Rowe, Mildred White, Olive Nelson, Myra Browne, Nena Milstead, Eva Pitts, Gertrude DuBose, Hixie Albright, Lois Mason, Annie Saxon, Henry Robertson, Frank Mason.

Fifth Grade—Ina Sinnott, Annie Longshore, Mamie Milstead, Rollie Carter.
Sixth Grade—Arthur Armstrong, Chester Browne, A. P. Longshore, Jr., Rufus O'Hara, Margaret Browne, Emma Pitts, Clara Pitts, Ethel Milstead, Mary Peters, Elmer Robertson, Amma Strickland, Lillian Nelson.

Seventh Grade—Pauline Nelson, Lizzie Sinnott.
Eighth Grade—W. J. Bird, W. R. Hale, J. W. Spearman, Elmore Mason, Lizzie Horton, Oza Hammond, Carrie L. Rowe, Lallage Longshore.

F. MYNATT,
Principal.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work. This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly and run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cts. Sold by Hall, the druggist."

County Court Jurors.

The following is the list of Petit Jurors drawn at the January term 1900, of Commissioners Court of Shelby county for May term of the County Court of Shelby county:

J. W. Dykes, J. A. Davis, J. D. Striplin, J. M. Allen, A. J. Embury, B. L. Dorrough, J. W. Hale, J. M. Spearman, W. W. Stone, R. Z. Hill, W. S. McEwen, W. T. Denty, Geo. W. Peal, G. C. Fulton, W. L. Nolen, Geo. Kroell, J. H. Batie, P. C. Fullner, J. H. Acker, J. H. Killingworth, A. J. Taylor, E. R. Harper, John J. Tyler.

Reunion.

At Shelby Springs sometime in August, the date will be published later. Sham Battle and other parades by the Confederate Veterans. Every man, woman and child invited to be present.

J. W. JOHNSTON,
Commander.

Bismark's Iron Nerve.

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where stomach, liver, kidney and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of the brain and body. Only 25 cents at Hall drug store.

Republicans

Of Shelby county will please not forget that Saturday, May 12th, is the day appointed to meet in Columbiana to put out a county ticket. No fusion. Straight goods.

W. W. WALLS,
Chairman.

I wish to call the attention of the public to a line of Parasols just received. Also Shirts and Shirt Waists, please give me a call when in need of anything in my line.

Mrs. L. C. ARMSTRONG.

In Constipation Herbine affords a natural, healthful remedy, acting promptly. A few small doses will usually be found to so regulate the excretory functions that they are able to operate without any aid whatever. Price 50 cents. On sale at Williams Bros.

LET 'EM UP.

So here goes to beat the
creed of hungry fellows. I
will for the next 20 days
sell my entire stock of fancy
and staple groceries at
the lowest price ever before
offered in the county. Come
and see me, I am just
obliged to have money and you
have the cash I will sell you.
J. H. HAMMOND.

Unless a woman eats sufficient nourishing food she can neither gain nor keep a good complexion. Food, when digested, is the base of all health, all strength, all beauty. Herbine will help digest what you eat, and give you the clear, bright, beautiful skin of health. Price 50 cts. and 75 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

Any self-respecting man will lie when he has begun to take his clothes off and his wife asks him if he mailed that letter today.

Ballard's Snow Liniment cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Sick Headache, Sore Throat, Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Old Sores, Corns, and all pain and inflammation. The most penetrating liniment in the world. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by Williams Bros.

Every woman who has any had to take her oldest child to her club with her, they would be ashamed to have any meeting.

Vincent.

Bob Taylor was in town Monday and is looking much better. We hope he may continue to improve. Measles are still progressing. Mrs. Carrie Kifer is improving from an attack.

Miss Zemma Samuel is visiting her brother at Childersburg this week.

Rev. Burns preached two able sermons at the Methodist church Sunday.

Miss Jessie Dean has returned to her home in Birmingham after a weeks visit in our town.

Miss Nettie Cosper and Mr. Wilson McCarty went up to Easonville Sunday to spend the day with relatives, and while up there decided to try "conjugal bliss" in other words they went as two separate and distinct individuals and returned "united as one." We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. McCarty, may they always be as happy as they seem now.

What young lady got left Sunday afternoon?

What young man had two young ladies on his hands all last week and feels so relieved now, as 'tis only one?

What young lady tried to bake a cake for serenaders and spilt it all on the floor?

Who was it said that Miss A. needn't trim hats if she didn't want to?

Who said "Bill Nye" was handsome?

Who said "Rose Bud" was the sweetest of all flowers?

Who said "where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise"?

Judging from the above, Mr. Editor, you will agree with me that local items are scarce, so I will desist for this time.

QUID NUNC.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. He suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from the first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottle of the Great Discovery at Hall drug store. Only 50 cents and \$1.00; every bottle guaranteed.

Fourmile.

Well, we have a fine batch of Populists nominated. Lets steer the old "Populist Ship" safe into the haven of victory in August.

We learn that Seabe Jackson will order a new threshing outfit with horse traveling power.

Mrs. Walter Riddle has been sick for sometime, but we hope for her a speedy recovery.

We have a young Professor attending the High School at Columbiana, taking instructions through the week; and on Sunday he gives music lessons on Fourmile to his best—well, I reckon its "chin music."

Spere Kytte, our genial friend, of Wilsonville, was on Fourmile Saturday night and Sunday. Come "Old boy" don't stay away so long for the Professor is taking the "day."

Beaufort Riddle was with home-folks Sunday.

Simon Slick, your Wilsonville boys were at Fourmile Sunday sure enough, they must have been the most fastidious, for they caught two of the charming Belles of Fourmile. It was reported that the young man with the "black and spotted mustache" said: he was going to wear mustache if it hair hipped him.

Mrs. Irice Taylor and niece Miss Lizzie, of near Wilsonville, visited on Fourmile Sunday.

One bottle of sample medicine for sale at Redlawn.

If showers will come and seasons favor, the farmers of Fourmile will harvest the finest grain crop in quite a time, now Mr. Editor, if you don't believe it just come up and we will show you.

HONEST ABE.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Best Eile cure on earth. Drives out pains and aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hall, the druggist.

Most women give their husbands a blonde love and expect a brunette love in return.

Many a fair young child, whose father has puzzled the mother, until she has suspected rightly her darling was troubled with worms, has regained the rosy hue of health with a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. Price 25c. On sale at Williams Bros.

Chaple Chat.

Chopping cotton is carrying the day in our community now.

G. W. Nivens and N. J. Riley attended the convention at Columbiana Saturday.

T. J. Mooney went to Columbiana Thursday on business.

J. L. and G. M. Baker was seen going to the barber shop for a hair cut, a shav and a shampoo Saturday evening.

Several of the Chaple boys went to Wilsonville Saturday afternoon.

We learn that D. S. Wingard has had a very sick child for the past few days.

J. L. M. was contemplating a large share in the Memphis cotton contract, but we see he got left.

Hugh Mooney and Harvey Farish went to see their best girls at the Kingdom Sunday.

The roads are getting dry and dusty, a little shower would be acceptable just now.

C. W. H., how about that note from up the road? You are looking awful sad over it.

T. J. Mooney and family visited relatives on Yellow Leaf Saturday night and Sunday.

J. T. Crowford is going with his hat on the back of his head and a smile on his face as large as a wagon bed, what is it J. T., a girl or a boy?

Be careful Newman and don't make as coarse mistake on the Ore business as you did tolling the widows molasses.

If you want your hair cut or a clean shave just call at the house across the railroad. Price 15 cents.

Ah, Jim L., I guess you are satisfied with the Sunday school now.

Brox. Nivens was at his old post again Sunday.

J. B. H. was on the road Sunday evening, something unusual for you Jim.

LITTLE PAT.

Does It Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the most severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles. "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sold by Hall Drug Co.

Siluria Smiles.

Owing to the beautiful weather the farmers are exerting every effort to make up for lost time caused by the recent rains.

Howard Hand, of Cedar Grove, was the guest of Miss Myrtle Draper last Sunday. Lookout Howard or Tom will black your eye.

Miss Ozella Nickerson was on the sick list last week.

A nice supply of fresh groceries at W. H. Blank's new store. Give him a call before purchasing elsewhere.

J. D. Butler, formerly employed in the telegraph department of the L. & N. R. Co., has joined the strikers.

Miss Ruth Richards, who has been a student of the Polytechnical Institute at Montevallo for the past six months, returned home last week—much to the delight of our agent.

Poor Brant, is in hard luck again. He went to see his best girl Sunday and to his sorrow found her away from home. He vows he will sell his corn and raise English peas for the little Miss M. over the mountain.

Tom Howard, (stage driver between Siluria and the Shoemaker Lumber Co.'s mills) has quite a number of passengers each trip.

Kid.

A Card.

To the Populist Party of Shelby county:

The nomination for Representative and county officers for Shelby county is a thing of the past, and I met with defeat. I feel thankful for the complimentary vote I received. Now lets bury all imaginary wrongs and go to work like men to elect the entire ticket in August by a majority worthy the effort of the Populist Party of Shelby county. I for myself hereby tender my services to the campaign committee of the Peoples Party of Shelby county and promise to work faithfully for the Party—success where ever ordered.

Respectfully,

B. W. BRAND.

OUR PLAIN DUTY

is to save you every cent we can on your purchase. Your duty is to investigate. We have bought the entire stock of

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All 10 and 15c Lacing at 7½ cents
All 5 and 6c Lacing at 4 cents
All narrow Valencienn lace from 1½c to 3 cents per yard.
All 12½ and 15c embroideries at 10c
All 10 and 12½ embroideries at 7½c
All 7½ and 8c embroideries at 5c
All 5 and 6c embroideries at 3½c
Ladies Summer Ribbed Under Vest at 4c
Ladies Ribbed Under Vest 12½ and 15c quality at 7½c
Ladies Ribbed Vests 30 and 35c quality at 20c
Ladies White Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 5c

Figured Lawns.

Lot of 10c figured lawns at 7c a yd
Lot of 7c figured lawns at 5c a yd
Lot of 15c figured organdy lawn 10c
Lot of light and dark Percales 36 inches wide worth from 10 to 12½c will sell at 7c
Lot of dark figured 10c lawns at 5c
Lot of plain white lawns, 5 to 20c
Ladies Percale Shirt Waists 40 and 50c quality at 25c

MILLINERY.

We have just received a new line of all the latest styles, and it will be to your interest to give us a call before you buy anything in this line.

SHOES.

250 pair Ladies' Slippers in Black and Tan, size from 3 to 5, worth from \$1.00 to \$1.50, will close them out at 65 cents a pair.
1 lot Men Shoes worth \$1.25 to \$1.50, will close them out for \$1.00.
1 lot Children Shoes and Slippers which we will close out at a very low price. In fact we have the most complete line of Shoes in town and it will be to your benefit to see them before you buy.

CLOTHING SALE

For the next 15 days we will sell
Our \$4.00 Men's Suits for \$2.50.
Our 5.00 Men's Suits for 3.00.
Our 7.50 Men's Suits for 5.00.
Our \$10.00 Men's Suits for 7.50.
Our 12.50 Men's Suits for 9.00.
Our 15.00 Men's Suits for 10.00.

MEN'S PANTS.

Our \$1.00 pants for 60 cents.
Our \$1.50 pants for 75 cents.
Our \$2.00 pants for \$1.25.
Our \$3.00 pants for \$2.00.
Our \$4.00 pants for \$2.75.
Our \$5.00 pants for \$3.75.

BOY'S SUITS.

Our \$1.00 Suits for 65 cents.
Our \$1.50 Suits for 90 cents.
Our \$2.00 Suits for \$1.25.
Our \$3.00 Suits for \$2.00.
Our \$4.50 Suits for \$3.00.

KNEE PANTS.

Boy's knee pants in all sizes, which we will sell in this sale:
Our 35 cents quality for 20 cents
Our 50 cents quality for 35 cents
Our 75 cents quality for 50 cents
Our \$1.00 quality for 75 cents

SHIRTS.

Former price 65c now 40 cents.
Former price 75c now 50 cents.
Former price \$1.00 now 75 cents.
Former price \$1.25 now 85 cents.
Good work shirts, former price 40c now 25 cents.
Gentlemen Balbrigan Gauze Underwear, former price 75c suits now 40 cents.
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Will appreciate your work, and fully guarantee everything both as to price and durability.
DR. J. MARION LOVETT,
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Nothing has ever been produced to equal or compare with Tabler's Buckeye Pie Ointment as a curative and healing application for Piles, Fissures, blind and bleeding, external or internal, and itching and bleeding of the Rectum. The relief is immediate and cure infallible. Price, 50 cts. in bottle, tubes 75 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

W. A. PARKER,

Livery and Feed Stables.
Bring me all your old iron & plows.

SOMETHING NEW AT BULL FIGHT

Some of the Spectators May Lose Their Sight.

A disgraceful scene was witnessed in a bull ring, when there was a struggle between a small panther, an old lioness, a large bear, and a powerful bull, says a Madrid correspondent of the London Standard. In a short time the bull terribly gored the panther and the lioness, but he had more trouble with the bear, which required several terrific tossings and wounds from which blood flowed freely, before the wretched animal gave in. The proceedings were witnessed by 12,000 spectators of all ranks, who were so much engrossed in the fight and so enthusiastic over the victory of the bull, that they hardly noticed the report of a gun fired by the keeper to goad on the wild beasts when at first they did not show fight. About twenty persons, however, hurriedly left one of the stone galleries, and when the performance was nearly over it was found that these twenty spectators had been wounded, several seriously, in the eyes and face by the slugs fired at the animals. All the injured were instantly attended to by the doctor of the infirmary at the bull-ring, who stated that one man—an Austrian baker—would lose the sight of both eyes, while another would not be able to see again with his left eye. On hearing this the crowd became very demonstrative toward the tamer, who was at once arrested and taken to the office of the civil government by the gendarmes. He is to be prosecuted for having caused the injuries to the occupants of the gallery. The Madrid papers denounce the authorities for allowing the use of firearms in a crowded bull-ring, but only El Correo and El Correspondencia have the courage to lament the fact that such scenes are possible in the capital of Spain.

The Power of Imagination.

Stories illustrating the power of imagination are many. Here is a new one. It comes from a recent number of the Psychological Review which relates an interesting experiment made by Mr. Slosson with the view of demonstrating how easily this faculty of imagination may be called into play. In the course of a popular lecture, Mr. Slosson presented before his audience a bottle which he uncorked with elaborate precautions, and then, watch in hand, asked those present to indicate the exact moment at which a peculiar odor was perceived by them. Within fifteen seconds, those immediately in front of him held up their hands, and within forty seconds, those at the other end of the room declared that they distinctly perceived the odor. There was an obstinate minority, largely composed of men, who stoutly declared their inability to detect any odor, but Mr. Slosson believes that many more would have given in, had he not been compelled to bring the experiment to a close within a minute of opening the bottle, several persons in the front rank finding the odor so powerful that they hastily quitted the room. The bottle contained nothing but distilled water. It would be interesting to know the effect of the explanation on the audience, but this part of the story is left to the imagination of the reader.

For Black Eyes.

It is often the case that people meet with accidents and bruises that cause disfiguring and disconcerting from which they suffer not a little embarrassment and annoyance. It is worth while to know that there is a simple remedy, and one quite within the reach of everyone. Immediately after the accident, mix an equal quantity of capicum annuum with mullage made of gum arabic. To this add a few drops of glycerine. The bruised surface should be carefully cleansed and dried, then painted all over with the capicum preparation. Use a camel's-hair brush and allow it to dry; then put on the second or third coat as soon as the first is entirely absorbed. A medical journal is authority for the statement that if this course is pursued immediately after the injury, discoloration of the bruised tissue will be wholly prevented. It is also said that this remedy is unequalled as a cure for rheumatism or stiffness of the neck.

Cures Talk

Great Fame of a Great Medicine Won by Actual Merit.

The fame of Hood's Sarsaparilla has been won by the good it has done to those who were suffering from disease. Its cures have excited wonder and admiration. It has caused thousands to rejoice in the enjoyment of good health, and it will do you the same good it has done others. It will expel from your blood all impurities; will give you a good appetite and make you strong and vigorous. It is just the medicine to help you now, when your system is in need of a tonic and invigorator.

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FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ON AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Plant Clover For the Hens.—Suitable soils for Peaches—Keep Pigs Growing—Feed For Young Chickens—How to Make a Handsome Lawn—Etc., Etc.

Plant Clover for the Hens.

Fowls relish clover. If you keep your hens confined it would be an excellent idea to sow a small patch for them. Every other day or so you could mow off a small bit, and the increase in the egg supply would more than pay for the trouble you took in planting and cutting the clover.

Suitable Soils for Peaches.

Downing states that "the very best soil for the peach is a deep, rich sandy loam, next to this a strong mellow loam, then a light, thin sandy soil, and poorest a heavy compact clay." Thomas says, "even a compact clay may be made suitable for the peach by regular and thorough underdrainage and mellowing." Jordan says, "soils of a gravelly or silty nature, or even sandy, are naturally well adapted for the peach, though the sandy soils require that the fertilization shall begin earlier in the life of the orchard than in the case of the others."

Keep Pigs Growing.

There is an impression among farmers that hogs in summer at pasture can get enough with the swill from the house and what they can get in the fields. This was all right so long as skimmed milk, one of the best foods for growth, was part of the swill, and unclean refuse from the table was also thrown in. But in many places the skimmed milk is now sold in some form, while a better use for table refuse is found in giving it to the poultry. To the pig is starved in summer, which is the time he ought to grow the fastest, and is the poorest preparation for the heavy corn feeding that begins in September and continues until the pig is turned over to the butcher. A half starved animal loses the power of digesting hearty food, for the stomach, like every other organ of the body, needs to have something to do to keep in good health and strength.

Feed for Young Chickens.

It is recommended that the following rules be observed in feeding young chickens: Give no food at all for thirty-six hours, as they need none, nature providing in that respect. Then give rolled oats and millet seed for three days, scattering it on a clean board, and then mix cornmeal, sifted ground oats, bran, and middlings, equal parts, adding a little salt and bread soda, and bake as a cake, feeding it three times a day, giving a little millet seed between meals. When the chicks are two weeks old add a gill of linseed meal and half a pound of ground meat to every four pounds of the dry mixture. Never leave food before them except millet seed, which should be scattered in litter to induce them to scratch.

How to Make a Handsome Lawn.

Lawmaking is not so difficult as most persons seem to think. You must begin right if you would attain a satisfactory degree of success. The first thing to do is to grade the ground evenly. Most persons prefer a lawn that slopes away from the house to road in an almost imperceptible incline of surface. Such a lawn is easier to make than a level one, because any little departure from a perfectly even surface will be far less noticeable. To secure the necessary slope, earth will have to be filled in near the house if the lot is a comparatively level one. Wherever there has been an excavation made for the house walls or a cellar, there will generally be enough earth near the house to furnish all the filling needed in making the required slope. This soil, which is almost always hard, should be worked over until it is as fine and mellow as possible, for a good lawn cannot be made from a soil that is coarse and lumpy.

If the soil is not rich, it should be made so. I would advise the use of bone meal in liberal quantity in preference to barnyard fertilizer, because it never introduces the seeds of weeds into the lawn, as manure from stables is very sure to do. Coarse bone meal, in the proportion of a half pound to each square yard, will give a soil of ordinary quality strength enough to produce an excellent growth of grass.—New Lippincott's.

Care of the Calf.

For a few days after the calf is born it will be better that the cow should have no grain excepting a little bran sprinkled into a pail of warm water, not enough to thicken it but to make it more palatable. Some who have tried it say fine oat meal is better than bran, and we do not doubt it, but have not tried it. The first pail of water after the calf is born we usually put rye meal into instead of bran, because we were taught to do so, with the idea that it helped to expel the afterbirth. We do not know whether it was so or not; but we have given it many times, and do not think it did any harm if it did no good, but of that in another place.

After the third day begin the grain feed, using it rather moderately at first, and increasing the amount gradually, with a view of bringing her to her highest producing capacity in from four to six weeks after calving. An old cow, accustomed to grain feed, will not only bear more of it than a younger one, but she will respond to it more quickly, and will reach her most productive points quicker. If during this time her milk is not very rich in butter fat do not condemn her. It will soon begin to improve in quality if she is kept well fed. Remember that the months before calving and the months afterward are the seasons when the very best hay is needed, because the grain ration must be taken away or greatly reduced to prevent danger from the two diseases, milk fever and garget. A few roots are also excellent during these two months if there is no clover—Farms, Field and Fireside.

Wood Ashes for Garden Crops.

Last season I did not know exactly how to use ashes, and proceeded to experiment with various garden crops on a sandy soil, clay bottom, southeast slope. On one strip I spread broadcast unleached hardwood ashes at the rate of about five pecks per square rod, or some 200 bushels per acre, and on another strip half that amount. Above and below these strips I put none at all. In this field in rows north and south and crosswise the strips I planted potatoes, sweet corn, sugar beets, watermelons, muskmelons, tomatoes and sunflowers. Each strip was treated in exactly the same way in every respect except for the ashes, which were put on early in May. The corn, potatoes and melons were all much better where the ashes were applied, but not much difference was noted between results of the large and the small amounts. The sugar beets grew the same size on both strips of ashes, but where none was put on the beets were only half as large, although richer in sugar.

With tomatoes, best results were obtained on the strip where the smaller amount of ashes was applied. Too much was worse than none, as it caused an excessive growth of vine and a vast number of worthless small tomatoes. I should now use two pecks to the rod. The sunflowers did not show a clear enough difference to report. But I think the ashes helped them. In another place I had a patch of onions and these were very much improved by 100 bushels of ashes per acre, the difference being at the rate of about three to five in favor of the ashes.

Summing up, I found that nearly everything I tried the ashes on was benefited by the application, but that the smaller amount was as good and in some cases better than the larger. As ashes draw moisture and tend to bind the particles of sandy soil together, they serve to help resist drought under good cultivation.—R. M. Dunlap, in American Agriculturist.

Successful Creamery Practice.

Success in creamery butter making depends upon the business methods observed both in the manufacture of the product and of disposing of it when made, and upon the quality of the herds which supply the milk and cream. To make fine creamery butter to-day all of the conditions and qualities above must be had and used intelligently. The farmers who will not co-operate with the creamery managers by supplying good cream and milk can kill the business in a short time. Many a creamery has simply been crowded out of localities by the action of the farmers who promised to supply a certain grade of milk and cream, but who failed to live up to their agreements. It is not a small matter to invest capital in a large creamery and then find that it is impossible to secure the right quality of raw material. So obtuse do we find some dairymen in this respect that they kill their own interests when they have money invested in the creamery in co-operation with others. They refuse to raise the standard of their herd, but trust all along that the others will supply fine cream while they continue to send the indifferent material that they have always raised. Creameries operated by farmers in many instances produce only a third-rate quality of butter simply on this account, and others through the lack of the right sort of a manager.

Strict methods must be adopted in the creamery and lived up to until the end. Lack of this has caused losses amounting to thousands of dollars to farmers. The best cows will return their highest profits when their cream and milk is taken to a high-class creamery. Let the standard of raw material be maintained, and let new blood if necessary be introduced often to make the herd without superior. Milk and cream tests are as essential as anything. Some farmers will maintain that their herd is as fine as any body's, and that their milk and cream are just as rich as that obtained from blooded stock. There is only one infallible way to prove his arguments wrong. Let all the milk and cream be tested by the well-known methods. That will show up his fallacy and ignorance, and there is no getting around these scientific tests. They are as accurate as it is possible to make anything, and they should be accepted at the outset as the last court of appeal. Finally if a good manager is obtained see that you stand by him and not desert him at the first opportunity, or when some professional promoter comes along and promises things that can never be fulfilled.—William Conway, in Boston Cultivator.

Short and Useful Pointers.

A work shop is a big improvement to any farm.

Cleanliness and hog cholera can't get along together.

To prevent scours in calves feed them their milk boiled.

The man who owns a separator is an up-to-date farmer.

It is the tillage that saves the moisture for the growing crop.

Much can be done in the way of furnishing an orchard food by repeated stirrings of the soil.

In the planting of commercial orchards proximity to large markets and ease of shipment should never be forgotten.

Did you ever stop to figure how much "digging" a team does by reason of their owner having a narrow-tired wagon.

The intelligent dairyman is continually striving to reduce the cost of production and to increase the quality of his output.

Small pastures and a few of them are the things wanted. In a large pasture the waste, caused by tramping, is very large.

To make a farm successful the farmer has got to use his brains, but they should be used in connection with muscle and manure.

The latest hiding place for microbes is in mustaches.

COURAGE IN BATTLE.

THE INHERENT BRAVERY OF EVERY MAN.

Individuals Who at Home Are the Most Peaceful of Men Become Demons in the Face of an Armed Enemy—Stories of Heroism.

Among the millions of citizens whose lives have run along in peaceful channels and who have never been urged by duty or inclination to forsake the ordinary routine of life for the camp and battlefield there is a sentiment of warm admiration and love for the soldier who performs daring deeds in time of war. It matters not the nationality of the warrior, or on which side our personal sympathy may be placed, the announcement of some daring deed of heroism calls forth our hearty applause. And why should it be otherwise? It is natural. It is the strong heart that wins. The flashing blade or free lance who with his life in his hands faces death calmly is to be respected, for in most instances really brave men are always true men. The great majority of people who have casually noted and dissected this universal applause for feats of military prowess have completely misunderstood the real meaning. The performance of a great deed may thrill us and bring forth our unstinted admiration, an admiration increased perhaps by the knowledge that we ourselves have none of the qualities he possesses and that a century of training would not bring us an inch closer to rivaling his wonderful genius. And not one man in a hundred who has read the stories of heroism that have come from Cuba and the Philippines, or later from South Africa, but places the possibility of his ever performing similar deeds just as far above him. He is in error. The inborn genius of dramatic fire is the property of the favored few, but the recklessness and courage of the soldier on the battlefield are simply an outcropping of the common heritage of mankind. At home, in a progressive community, a man may be a merchant or a bank clerk, but, whatever his station, the environment of civilizing influence is strong upon him, and most of his chances for the display of courage come to the moral side of his nature. But out in the open, with most of the trammels cast off and the enemy in front, with the ripple of the colors about him, and more than all, the feeling that comes from companionship in a common danger with many of his fellows, it is the animal that gains supremacy. And man, being by nature a brave and fearless animal—the most fearless of all the animal species—simply remains true to his birthright and goes through the ordeal in the natural way. What can be the question? There is only one. It is that battle gallantry and battle brutality, springing as they both do from the same source, must necessarily be allied. You cannot slip the leash of a bloodhound and stop him half way to his scent. If any proof were needed to make the fact of inherent bravery and—the other thing—certain, it is to be found in the marvelous change in face, manner and even speech that comes to nearly every man when he is engaged in battle. Those who have seen their fellows under such conditions will have no difficulty in calling to mind what this change means. Refined men, and rough, uncultured men, too, for that matter, with the tenderest and most humane feelings, men who would shudder and turn sick at the sight of a slight accident on their home streets, have been frequently known to stand and deliberately watch the writhings and death agonies of their comrades who have been hit and torn to pieces by bursting shells, as if it were the commonest sight in the world. It may be urged that the excitement of being under fire would be sufficient reason for this callousness, but such an explanation will not account for the entire subversion of a man's whole life training. The real reason is that at such times it is the animal nature that takes full and complete possession of the human body.

DEAF CHILDREN LEARN MUSIC

Interesting Experiments With a Successful Result at Detroit.

An interesting work with deaf children is being done under the direction of the superintendent of music in the Detroit public schools. A class from which the best results are obtained consists of about six pupils. The children gather around a piano, resting their hands and in some cases their arms upon the instrument. Soon after a piece is started the children will begin to count in correct time with the music, catching the accentuation of beats through the vibration of the wood. Occasionally a child would seem to progress beyond the mere response to time and count aloud with some approximation to the tune. When this fact was observed by the teacher the pupils were told to repeat the words "baby, baby," over and over and at the same time a lullaby was played on the piano. In a short time it was noticed that nearly all the children with whom the experiment was tried indicated the air with more or less distinctness. Still another experiment was tried by singing the scale into the ear of a boy and playing it on the piano. After a few trials the pupil was able to sound the notes as well as could many children with unimpaired hearing. These tests seem to indicate that singing with some degree of accuracy may be taught the most deaf children. If such proves the fact a new pleasure and a new educative influence will come into their lives.

Not a Speaking One.

Hoax—Henpeck's wife is an awful talker. Did you ever meet her? Toax—Oh, yes; I have a listening acquaintance with her.—Philadelphia Record.

A daughter's likeness to her mother has both promises and threats.

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Military Salute.

You're undoubtedly noticed during a military review the officers salute while passing the reviewing stand by bringing the hilts of their swords to their faces. It is a custom which dates back to the time of the Crusaders. When the Crusaders were on the march to the Holy City, the knights were in the daily habit of planting their long, two-handed swords upright in the ground, thereby forming a cross, and before this they performed their morning devotions. On all military occasions they kissed the hilts of their swords in token of devotion to the cross. The method of saluting by bringing the hand to a horizontal position over the eyebrows dates back to the tournaments of the middle ages, when after the Queen of Beauty was enthroned, the knights, who were to take the part in the sports of the day, marched past the dias on which she sat, and as they passed,

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GENUINE BUILDING BOOM STRIKES SELMA

Famous Case Settled—Knights Templar Officers Elected—Locating Cotton Mills—Farmer Accidentally Shot—News Notes.

Selma is on a genuine building boom. In addition to the action of the people of the city on the new city hall and the ordering of the quarterly conference of the letting of the contract for a new Methodist church to cost \$25,000, contracts have been let to Cook & Lowrie, of Montgomery, for the erection of the buildings for the People's Oil Mill. The cost of the buildings will be at least \$25,000.

The contract was also let by J. H. Hood & Co., of Montgomery, contractors who are to build the new court house for Dallas county, to the Selma Brick and Tile company for a million brick to be used in that structure. The work of diagraming the foundation has begun and excavation will proceed and be completed before June 1. The contract calls for the completion of the court house by March 1, 1901.

Knights Templar.

The Alabama state commandery of Knights Templar, in session in New Decatur, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Right eminent grand commander, Russell M. Cunningham, of Birmingham; deputy grand commander, Robert Manthrop, of Eufaula; grand captain, General L. W. Hubbard; grand prelate, Owen W. Fitzsimmons, of Birmingham; grand senior warden, Charles R. Worcott, of Montgomery; grand junior warden, Charles E. Pearce, of Mobile; grand treasurer, E. S. Starr, of Selma; grand recorder, H. Clay Armstrong, of Montgomery; grand sword bearer, S. H. Kirk, of Mobile; grand standard bearer, Thomas H. Matlocks, of New Decatur; grand warden, Walter Smith, of Tuscaloosa; grand captain of the guard, W. H. Denney, of Tuscaloosa.

Tuscaloosa was selected as the place to hold the next annual convocation, which will take place next May.

State Encampment.

Adjutant-General W. W. Brandon, of the state troops; Colonel T. O. Smith, of the Third regiment, and Adjutant H. B. Kennedy, of the same regiment, are in Mobile investigating that city's adaptability for encampment of the state troops this year. The same committee will examine the old camp grounds at East Lake, near Birmingham, and other places may also be visited. The encampment will probably be held in July and each regiment will go into camp successively.

A Famous Case Settled.

The Danforth and Armstrong case against the Tennessee and Coosa Railroad company has at last been settled, after having been a log to Etowah county courts for the last twelve years. The defendant agreed that the last judgment, \$25,898.86, might be increased to \$30,000, rather than stand another appeal, which was accepted, and the money will be paid in June.

Locating Cotton Mills.

Capt. P. Sid Jones, district passenger agent and immigration agent of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, with headquarters in Birmingham, is making strenuous efforts to introduce several cotton mill institutions along the line of his road. He believes that good-sized mills will soon be built at Guntless, Athens and other points in North Alabama.

Accidentally Shot.

A Mr. Wade, who lives four miles south of Edwinstown, was out shooting fish on the creek and accidentally shot himself. The load passed through his right side and shot off three fingers on his left hand, and one or two shot hit him in the mouth. He is badly hurt.

Fourth District Committee to Meet.

The democratic executive committee of the Fourth congressional district, composed of the counties of Calhoun, Cleburne, Talladega, Shelby, Chilton and Dallas, has been called to meet at Columbiana, on the 31st day of this month, for the purpose of deciding on a plan and date for the nomination of a candidate for congress. Up to the present time six candidates have announced.

FIGHT ON EXCURSION TRAIN.

One Man Fell From the Car and Fatally Hurt.

During a general fight in the baggage car of an excursion train from Birmingham Sunday J. T. Blount, of Sheffield, fell from the train and received fatal injuries. M. F. Blount, of Sheffield, received a stab in the throat and Berney Patterson, of Cherokee, received a stunning blow on the head.

The fight was the outcome of a difficulty between Will Patterson, marshal of Cherokee, and M. F. Blount. Three Patterson boys and two Blount boys joined in, but their brother, J. T. Blount, was drunk and avoided the fight. In some manner he fell from the train and there are several witnesses who testify that he walked out of his own accord.

Blount is in a hospital at Huntsville and will die. Berney, Will and Houston Patterson are under arrest. The fight occurred west of Madison.

Howard Withdraws.

Ex-Congressman M. W. Howard, a populist candidate for United States senator, has announced his withdrawal from the race, leaving the field clear for Senator John T. Morgan. Mr. Howard returned Saturday from Cincinnati, where he had been attending the middle-of-the-road populist national convention, which convention came near nominating him for president. In an interview he said: "I went into the convention at Cincinnati with more votes than enough to secure the nomination for the presidency, had I desired it. I did not want the nomination. I did not care to have my name put forward for the place, and withdrew before the balloting commenced. My own state delegation did not vote for me, because they desired to save me—did not care that I should lead a forlorn hope. But I was assured, and had proof of it, that I could have had 100 more votes than I received had I wanted the nomination."

Favorable Action.

A Washington dispatch says: Senator Morgan's joint resolution appropriating \$10,000 for the erection of a monument to the soldiers who fell in the battle of Talladega, Nov. 3, 1863, has been favorably reported by Mr. Peters from the military committee. The Fifty-fifth congress passed a bill granting 25,000 acres of Alabama public lands for the Montevallo Girls' Industrial School. Binger Hermann, commissioner of the land office, is preparing a list of the lands available and will shortly select the portion for Montevallo.

The bill introduced by Representative Robbins and reintroduced by Representative Aldrich for the erection of a public building at Anniston has been favorably reported from the judiciary committee.

Died From Mad Dog's Bite. Fred S. Gardner, of Centerville, died Saturday of hydrophobia. He was bitten by a mad dog two months ago, but the malady did not develop until about three days ago. It seemed to be in a mild form, but, notwithstanding, proved fatal. Mr. Gardner was a popular young man, and was 22 years old.

Candidate for Seat in Congress. Judge William Richardson is now a candidate for the seat in congress made vacant by the resignation of General Wheeler, and he is the second man to enter the race. The recent announcement of Hon. Jesse E. Brown, of Scottsboro, broke the ice and other announcements are expected soon.

Fire at Lafayette.

The Lafayette oil mill, at Lafayette, was burned Sunday, entailing a loss of \$15,000. The gins and gin house operated in connection with the mill were saved, as was also a tank of oil on a car. The property was owned by L. L. and C. C. Torbert, and was not insured.

Heavy Frost in Limestone.

The section around Athens was visited by a severe frost last week that destroyed all cotton that was up. This, in connection with the scarcity of seed and the high prices prevailing, works a great hardship on those who have had their cotton killed.

Pig Iron Shipments.

During the month of April 109,978 tons of pig iron were shipped from Alabama and Tennessee, according to official figures given out at Birmingham. Of this amount the Birmingham district alone forwarded 69,938 tons. Export shipments were 8,651 tons. Pipe shipments from Alabama and Tennessee were 5,838 tons, and from the Birmingham district alone were 1,818 tons.

TROUBLE FEARED IN MANILA

Rumors of an Outbreak Seriously Discussed by Native Papers.

SEVERAL TOWNS OCCUPIED BY AMERICANS

Insurgents Suffer a Heavy Loss at Tabako—Filipinos Said to Have Received Three Shiploads of Arms From Germany.

A Manila dispatch says: The latest rumor of an outbreak in Manila among the natives, which was in circulation last week, was seriously discussed by some of the local papers and attracted more general attention than has usually been the case with this sort of thing. As a matter of fact, many Filipinos did leave their American employers with the apparent intention of joining such movement. Their action taken in connection with the arrest of several natives for carrying concealed weapons and the dispersion of several suspicious gatherings gave color to the reports.

The officials have been active in the matter, but are not inclined to think an uprising will be attempted. They believe the Filipinos, lacking in the necessary courage, especially in view of the fact that the natives fear to attempt the demonstration at the time of General Lawton's funeral, although they had made careful preparations, and many insurgents had come to Manila for this express purpose.

A paper found among the captured effects of General Pantolon Garcia asserts that the United States congress has done nothing for the Filipinos, and that therefore all Filipinos who are working for Americans must leave their employers immediately or suffer the penalty of treason.

One report is that the Filipino junta is endeavoring to incite an outbreak in order to show the civil commission that the insurrection is still alive.

Towns Occupied by Americans.

The towns of Milongos and Maasin, island of Leyte, have been occupied by the troops of the Forty-third volunteer infantry. The insurgents opposed the landing of the Americans and sustained heavy losses. The Americans had three casualties.

MANY INSURGENTS KILLED.

One Thousand Preparing to Attack Tabako Were Defeated.

The insurgents have suffered a heavy loss at Tabako, near Lagaspi, Province of Albay, Luzon. Two hundred riflemen and 800 bolomen were preparing to attack the town, and Captain Lester H. Simons, with a company of the Forty-seventh volunteer regiment, advanced to meet them, and killed many.

The insurgent leader, a native priest, was wounded and captured, after his horse had been shot under him. Three Americans were wounded.

FILIPINOS RECEIVE ARMS.

Three Shiploads Said to Have Arrived From Germany.

A dispatch from Hong Kong says: "The Filipino junta has been receiving large amounts of money at Manila. Within the past three months three shiploads of arms have arrived here from Germany for the insurgent cause. The junta gave a big banquet here last night in honor of the reorganization of their government. 'The Filipinos claim they will open aggressive hostilities just as soon as the rainy season begins.'"

Reunion of Peachtree Creek Survivors.

Atlanta will witness on July 19 and 20 next a reunion of survivors, both Federal and Confederate, of the battle of Peachtree Creek. It has been decided as one of the features to give a barbecue in the trenches around the battlefield where the veterans met in battle thirty-six years ago.

Women Wish to Fight.

President Kruger, of the Transvaal, has received a telegram from a burgheress asking if the time has not arrived for the formation of a corps of women, adding that she is prepared, with a body of women volunteers, to take up arms in defense of the independence of the Transvaal.

Birmingham Men Chosen.

At the meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Ark., the following officers were chosen: President, Rev. Dr. L. O. Dawson, of Alabama; vice-presidents, R. H. Coleman, of Texas, and J. O. Russ, of Tennessee; secretary, W. W. Gaines, of Atlanta, Ga.; treasurer, F. H. Phillips, of Birmingham; chairman of the executive committee, Rev. B. D. Gray, of Birmingham.

BRYAN AND TOWNE.

The Ticket of the Sioux Falls Populists Nominated.

The national populist convention concluded its session at Sioux Falls and adjourned sine die after nominating W. J. Bryan for president and Charles A. Towne for vice-president. The nomination of Mr. Towne was only accomplished after a struggle of several hours' duration, in which an effort was made to have the nomination of a vice-presidential candidate referred to a committee to confer with the democratic and silver republican parties in their national conventions. A motion to this effect was defeated by a vote of 268 to 492.

Both candidates were nominated by acclamation, but before the result was reached various candidates were placed in nomination and withdrawn. Both nominations were accomplished amid scenes of enthusiasm.

Mr. Bryan's nomination was made by acclamation and was accomplished with expedition. There were not to exceed half a dozen speeches in his behalf. All these were brief and pointed and were full of praise for the candidate.

Barker and Donnelly.

Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, was named for the presidency at the Cincinnati convention of the middle-of-the-road populists. Ignatius Donnelly was nominated for Barker's running mate as the vice-presidential nominee.

TRADE REVIEW.

Country Recovering From Unnaturally High Prices.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade in part says: With whole promptness the country is recovering from the embarrassment of unnaturally high prices. No disturbance nor stringency of credits result, nor any sign of alarm, and the movement is perhaps more healthy than it could have been if entirely controlled by the competition of many small concerns.

The proposition of works and of hands unemployed is yet quite small, and the volume of business transacted, though less than last year in New England and the middle state cities, is larger than ever before at fifty-four out of sixty-three clearing houses in the entire region west of Pennsylvania and south of the Potomac.

LABOR TROUBLES.

At Tampa Have Taken a Turn for the Worse.

The labor troubles at Tampa, Fla., have taken a turn for the worse. There is now a general strike in all the cigar factories of the Havana-American company in that city, and about 1,000 people are out.

The trouble is a struggle between the labor unions, each trying to make the strike settle the superiority of the one over the other.

There has been a partial strike on at the Havana-American factories for weeks, but a settlement was agreed upon several times during the past four or five days, and it was thought the end of the trouble was in sight. Saturday, however, matters became so badly mixed that a general strike was ordered.

Butler Re-Elected.

Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, was re-elected chairman of the Populist National committee at Sioux Falls by a majority of 7 in a total of 76.

Chairman Butler will make his headquarters in Washington during the campaign. He accepted the position officially on condition that a vice chairman be chosen to assist in the work.

Arm & Plant Voted Down.

By a close vote Saturday the senate rejected the proposition to erect, without reference to the price at which the government could secure armor plate for the warships, an armor plate factory. The vote upon the direct proposition was 22 to 24, and subsidiary amendments were rejected by about the same vote. When the committee's proposition was about to be voted upon, a filibuster was organized, the quorum of the senate was broken and the question is still in the air.

Kruger Still Hopeful.

At the closing of the Transvaal Volksraad last week, President Kruger cried out: "God of the Volksraad, shall this be the final act? No, it shall not. God will be merciful and strengthen the right. Ours is the right."

The president added that he had documentary proofs of a "devilish conspiracy to annihilate the republic."

KROONSTADT OCCUPIED.

British Think the War in South Africa is Over.

The war office in London has received the following from General Roberts: KROONSTADT, May 12.—I entered Kroonstadt at 1:30 without opposition today, when the union jack was hoisted amidst cheers from the few British residents.

The situation at the seat of war in South Africa is as satisfactory from the British viewpoint as the most sanguine friend could have hoped. The occupation of Kroonstadt practically places the whole Orange Free State in British possession. It is evident from Lord Roberts' last dispatch that the disintegration has commenced. The Free Staters are scattering to their homes, while the Transvaalers have gone northward, declining to fight longer in the Orange Free State. What little resistance the former are still likely to make seems to be centering at Lindley, whither President Steyn has transferred his government.

"The war is practically over," says the Daily Chronicle's Kroonstadt correspondent, and in less definite terms this is the view to be gathered from all the correspondents. They picture the Boers as utterly demoralized and utterly disheartened by Lord Roberts' unexpectedly rapid advance and by his facile turning of the carefully prepared positions of the Boers.

Our Adopted Islands.

Four hundred Filipinos attacked an American garrison of twenty at Butate, Hilo, Province, and killed four, suffering heavy losses themselves.

The people of Manua, Samoa, want to cede their island to the United States and they have asked the Americans to hoist their flag there.

Brigadier-General James M. Bell has been appointed Military Governor of the provinces of Camarines, Albay and Sorsogon, Luzon, and of the island of Catanduanes in the Philippines.

Some six hundred young officers have been handed in their resignations in the Philippines.

TRAGEDY IN AUGUSTA, GA.

Negro Shoots and Kills a White Man in a Street Car.

Alexander Whitney, a man prominent socially, and personally very popular, was shot and killed at Augusta, Ga., Sunday night, by a negro, William Willis. Lieutenant Pinckney Steiner, who was with Whitney, and who tried to stop the negro's murderous work, was slightly wounded in the hand. To escape mob violence the murderer was started for Savannah, but, missing the train, a shift was made and the man was started for Atlanta under charge of one deputy.

The officers were frustrated, however, for when the train reached Groveton a mob quickly entered the car, and, seizing the negro, started for the woods. At 1:30 Monday morning it was reported that the negro had been lynched, but advices from Groveton are to the effect that the mob has the prisoner in the woods and is waiting for some one to positively identify him.

SIX MEN KILLED.

Explosion in Coal Mines at Toms Creek, Va.

News was received Saturday at the headquarters of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke company of an explosion in their mines at Toms Creek, Va. Six men were killed, the names of whom have not been learned. Only meagre details have been received, owing to the remoteness of the mines from telegraphic communication. Ten days ago two men were suffocated in the same mines.

Sponsor for the South.

It is announced from the United Confederate Veterans' headquarters at New Orleans that Mrs. Margaret Jefferson Davis Hayes, the only surviving child of Jefferson Davis, will be at the Louisville reunion. General Gordon has appointed her daughter, the granddaughter of Jefferson Davis, Miss Varina Howell Davis Hayes, as sponsor for the entire south, and Miss Mary Watts Woods, of Charlottesville, Va., as chief maid of honor for the south.

AMERICAN FLAG RAISED.

Over the Islands of Tutilla and Manua in Samoan Group.

Assistant Secretary Hackett has received a report dated April 17 from Commander B. F. Tilly, commandant of the United States naval station at Tutilla, Samoa, stating that he had that day conducted the ceremony of hoisting the American flag as symbolical of the protectorate of the United States over that island and the adjacent islands, together with the island of Manua.

House Unseats Another Democrat.

The house by a very narrow margin of two votes unseated Mr. Crawford, of North Carolina, and seated in his place Mr. Pearson, of North Carolina, who was a member of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses. Mr. Pearson is the third Republican to be seated by the present house.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The Committee on Library of the Senate has commissioned Frank Edwin Elwell, of New York City, to make a bust of the late Vice-President Hobart for the Senate Chamber.

A bill giving the widow of the late Major-General Henry W. Lawton a pension of \$50 per month was favorably reported to the Senate.

A resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information in regard to the manufacture of oleomargarine was adopted.

Two treaties were signed at the State Department, one extending the time for ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty, and the other extending the time for ratification of the Mexican boundary.

The system of registering letters by mail carriers has been extended to 163 post-offices.

Senator Eduardo Wilde, the newly appointed Argentine Minister, presented his credentials to the President of the White House. The usual felicitous speeches were exchanged.

Secretary Gage favors the establishment of a national standard for the fixing of a standard for coinage, weights and measures.

Pensions for Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Gridley, and General Longstreet were voted by the Senate.

The Senate passed the Army Appropriation bill without division.

The "Free Homes" bill, passed by the House will take millions out of the Treasury in repayment of the loan which the Government for homestead lands.

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The flag of the United States was hoisted over Pago Pago Island, Samoa, with due ceremony.

Seventy-three fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Porto Rico.

During five months ending November 30 last Porto Rico's exports were \$1,989,301; her imports, \$4,221,851.

The Hawaiian Government bill failed to provide for a collector of Customs, and this omission will be remedied.

Governor Leary, of Guam, sent an acknowledgment to the American people for their contributions of literature, etc., to the soldiers and citizens of that island.

Domestic.

Martin Arnow and his wife, Sophia, an aged couple of Brooklyn, after settling all their earthly affairs, are facing each other and inhaling illuminating gas until both were dead.

Mayor James G. Woodward, of Atlanta, Ga., who was asked to resign by the City Council, has decided to hold on to his office.

Dr. Edwin M. Heath, a noted veterinary surgeon of Connecticut, died of tuberculosis and distemper, in London, where he is thought to have contracted from animals he treated.

George Wright was put in jail at Chillicothe, Ohio, on the charge of having committed a triple murder at Provo City, Utah, four years ago. The victims were three children named Elias.

A dinner was given for Governor Brady, of Alaska, at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York City, when a marble bust of William H. Seward was presented to the people of Alaska.

"Tallow Dick" Coombs, Henry Yontsey, John Davis, Coleb Johnson, and Hazen Whitaker, accused of complicity in the murder of Goebel, were transferred from the Franklin County Jail to Georgetown, Scott County, Ky.

The entire village of Ellis Junction, Marinette County, Wis., has been purchased by the Polska Industrial Colony, and a co-operative community will be established.

The Governor of Utah appealed for aid for the Seifield Mine Sufferers, and \$25,000 has been raised.

Marshall Jones, colored, implicated in the murder of Arthur Smith, was indicted and riddled with bullets at Douglas, Ga. Porch climbers stole jewels worth \$15,000 from the home of M. M. Munster, at Chicago.

A regular traffic in Chinese immigrants is declared to exist in San Francisco, the market price now being \$2800.

Congressman Champ Clark was renominated for Congress in the Eleventh District of Missouri. He is now serving his third term in Congress.

A 1000-pound bale of burrap laid on Jacob Kerns and Henry Hill, in the hold of the steamer Mohawk, at Buffalo, N. Y., killing them instantly.

Admiral Dewey was greeted on his arrival in St. Louis, Mo., by an immense throng. Great enthusiasm was shown all along the route from Chicago.

Under the auspices of the Illinois Medical Association, about 300 doctors and their families from Illinois, Iowa and Missouri will visit the Paris Exposition in a body.

Henry M. Flagler, a Standard Oil magnate, told a crowd of people gathered to the care of the person and estate of his wife, who is insane.

Sheriff W. H. Hood was killed by lightning while riding through his cotton field near the town of Chester, S. C.

Fire swept the village of Grantsburg, Ill. Every business house in the town was destroyed except the postoffice and one saloon.

Two antique Chinese vases, valued at \$40,000, were seized at the French line pier in New York City for alleged evasion of the customs laws.

Twenty-five thousand men employed by the Standard Oil Company all over the country have had their wages raised ten per cent. This means an additional outlay of \$1,600,000 a year.

Foreign.

The proprietors of a number of Canadian newspapers waited on the Government to ask that the duty on news paper be removed owing to the insecurity and increased cost of it in Canada.

Two expert American diamond thieves, named Morton and Harski, have been arrested at Leipzig, Germany.

A storm has seriously damaged the United States section of the electricity exhibit at the Paris Exposition.

The bubonic plague has been declared to exist at Alexandria, Egypt, and it has also broken out at Hongkong, China.

The Consul of Sweden and Norway at St. Johns, N. F., offers a reward to any and all persons who may find articles connected with the polar expedition of Herr Anderson, the accountant.

The Foreign Ambassadors at Constantinople, Turkey, agreed to an increase in customs duties with certain conditions.

France will supply her artillery and navy with smoke-shells that will explode so as to blind and befog the enemy.

Cholera is adding to the horrors of the famine in India, where districts populated by 33,600,000 persons are affected.

CUBAN POSTAL FRAUDS.

Arrest of Charles F. W. Neely, Charged With Embezzlement.

AN ALLEGED SHORTAGE OF \$75,000

The Cabinet Decides That This Country is Responsible For Any Deficit in the Cuban Postal Department—The Accused Is to Go to Havana For Trial—He Says the Charge is a Mistake.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The case of Charles F. W. Neely, formerly treasurer of the Cuban Postoffice Department, arrested charged with defalcations amounting to \$30,000, has been considered by the Cabinet. It seemed to be the opinion of all the members present that Neely was appointed by the United States and that in administering the affairs of the island this Government is acting, in a sense, as a trustee, it is therefore responsible for the shortage and can proceed against Neely's bondsman for the amount involved. It was practically settled, too, that Neely will be taken back to Havana for trial before a civil tribunal.

The Postoffice Department has a report from Agents Saybolt and Neal as to the amount of revenues in the possession of Neely. The report shows a deficit, according to these reports, he apparently accounted for all sums due the Government, and it is said by Postoffice officials that if Neely embezzled postal funds he either juggled the figures and made false entries in his books or took the money immediately after the balances were struck. According to the report of the agents, however, there is an apparent discrepancy of \$61,765 between the amount of postal money order funds, as given by Neely, and the amount due the Postoffice Department. The report states that he had on April 23 \$144,997, while the books of the Postoffice Department indicate that he should have had \$206,076.

Director of Posts Rathbone on April 19 directed that a statement be prepared of the money order and postal accounts of the Bureau of Finance up to April 16. On April 23 he directed that a further examination be made and, as announced, the results of the examination of the accounts were correct and were so certified by the agents, who, in closing their statement, say:

"The manner in which these accounts, stamps, supplies and funds are handled reflects credit upon the Chief of the Bureau of Finance, Charles F. W. Neely, and his assistants. Messages received by Postmaster-General Smith indicated that definite information was still a long way off and that nothing specific would be known until the report of the agents from the Auditor's office, who left the city a few days ago. These two men, Neely and the Auditor, were sent to the Postoffice Department and are sent at the solicitation of the Postmaster-General. On their report the Department will base its estimate of the defalcation, if any is proven to exist."

NEELY REACHES HOME.

Says He Wants to Go to Havana to Face the Charges Against Him.

Mrs. Neely, in a letter to the Chief of P. W. Neely, who was arrested and placed under a cash bond of \$20,000 in New York City to await trial on charge of embezzling \$30,000 of Cuban postal money, which was entrusted to him as financial agent of that department, arrived in this, his home city, on Wednesday.

Points About People You Know
and Some You Don't Know
News From Different Beats.

The cotton factory is a certainty.

Jim Robertson spent Sunday at Vincent.

J. R. White is spending a few days at Biloxi, Miss.

Georgia Cane Syrup 39 cents per gallon at Duran & Co.

Commissioners court was in regular session this week.

J. T. Leeper spent a few days in Birmingham this week.

Walter Bell, of Vincent, was in city the first of the week.

Dr. T. G. Nelson, of Harpersville, visited the city Thursday.

Miss Nellie Parker visited friends in Birmingham last week.

J. M. Rich, of Vandiver, made us a pleasant visit last Saturday.

H. M. Abercrombie, of Vandiver, was in the city last Saturday.

Will Milner, of Birmingham, was in town last week on business.

John Leeper, of Ensley, made a pleasant visit here last week.

Miss Kate Huyett visited relatives at Childersburg last week.

Miss May Leonard spent last Saturday with Calera friends.

Mrs. Weaver was in Calera a few days last week visiting relatives.

At last the outlook for a little life in our city has taken shape.

Miss Edna Chapman spent Sunday in Montevallo with homefolks.

Miss Ella Tallant spent a few days last week with Calera relatives.

Miss Sadie Williams visited friends at Childersburg a few days this week.

J. W. Mason had the misfortune to lose one of his mules last Friday night.

We were shown last week some new Irish potatoes nearly large enough to eat.

Miss Lillian Nelson spent a few days with relatives and friends in Calera last week.

The Methodist Episcopal District Conference convenes at Vincent on Thursday, May 24th.

Mrs. W. S. DuBose and daughter, Miss Kate, visited relatives in Birmingham this week.

Levi Longshore, who has been visiting relatives in Atlanta, returned home last Saturday.

English peas are beginning to make their appearance upon the dinner table in our town.

Preparations are being made for Commencement of our schools, which will take place May 25th.

Work preparing the brick yard here, where the brick will be made for the factory, commenced Monday.

Miss Sue McGee, who has been assistant teacher in the High School at Calera, returned home last Saturday.

Work on preparing the brick yard commenced last Monday, and soon the work of molding the brick will begin.

Rev. T. P. Roberts preached an interesting sermon at the Methodist church Sunday night to an attentive congregation.

There will be a good deal of work for the idle people now for a short while, and the promise for an indefinite time is upon us.

With the advent of the opening up of the work for the cotton factory has already put a bright aspect upon our citizens.

"Yes, I am a candidate, and it only takes one vote to elect me to the office which I aspire," remarked a young lady the other day.

Say John, when you go to Columbiana, go to Hammond's and get the Coffee, Flour, Meat, Lard, etc. Don't go anywhere else, for he will treat you right.

Last Saturday the Republicans held a meeting here for the purpose of putting out a straight Republican county ticket, but after a discussion of the situation they postponed it till the 24th of June.

Mrs. W. E. Holcomb met with a serious accident last Thursday, while driving home from the city. She came to do some shopping, and on her return the mule she was driving became frightened and ran away, throwing her out of the wagon, breaking one of her arms.

On last Thursday the Directors of the Columbiana Manufacturing Co., met for the purpose of opening sealed bids for making brick for the factory, as advertised. Several bids were submitted for their consideration, after opening the bids it was decided by the Directors to accept A. O. Harwell's bid and the contract was awarded to him. Mr. Harwell stated to The Advocate that work of making the brick will commence next Monday.

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County court convenes Monday, May 28th.

Dr. A. J. Massey, of Birmingham, is in the city.

N. A. Graham, of Calera, was in town Tuesday.

A. F. Wilson, of Calera, was in the city Monday.

J. W. Ingram, of Calera, was in the city Monday.

Walter Lester, of Yellow Leaf, was in the city Tuesday.

A. P. R. Dhal, of Calera, was in the city Monday on business.

John S. Pitts, of Vincent, was in town several days this week.

Sheriff Walthall made a business trip to Birmingham Tuesday.

R. L. Lewis, of Sterrett, was in the city Monday on business.

Mrs. C. J. Christian, of Shelby, visited relatives here this week.

Miss Lizzie Walls, of Shelby, spent Tuesday here with friends.

W. W. Walls and wife, of Shelby, were visitors in the city Tuesday.

Miss Alma Finley, of Calera, visited relatives here a few days this week.

Go to Hammond and see the pictures that are given away with Fairy Soap.

Mrs. S. Vest and son, George, of Montevallo, visited friends in the city Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Millstead visited friends at Shelby and Calera a few days this week.

G. B. Deans and Jasper Holcomb, of Calera, were in the city yesterday on business.

J. L. Vandiver, of Vandiver, was in town Saturday attending the Republican convention.

Mrs. J. H. Hammond and daughter, Miss T., visited friends at Weldon a few days this week.

Just receive a lot of crockery, which will be sold at low prices at Columbiana Mercantile Co.

Quite a number of young people from Shelby attended the ice cream supper here Tuesday night.

W. A. Thompson, who has been confined to his room for several months with rheumatism, is able to be out again.

Walter O'Hara has accepted a position as clerk with the Central of Georgia and L. & N. Railroad office at Sylacauga.

Miss Lallie Tice, a student of the Industrial School at Montevallo, is spending a part of her vacation in the city with relatives.

Mrs. M. E. Thomas was called to Birmingham last Saturday by a telegram, to the bedside of her son Will, who is quite sick.

Through a mistake the announcement of L. H. Reynolds for State Senator from the Fifteenth Senatorial District, was left out, and in this issue it appears again.

Hon. L. H. Reynolds, of Jemison, and W. R. Oliver, of Calera, will address the citizens of Aldrich and surrounding community, Wednesday, May 22d. Everybody are cordially invited to come out and hear these two men speak.

Married--At Ganadurque Thursday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. W. E. Harrison, of Montevallo, to Miss Georgia Scott, Justice Fulton officiating. Mr. Harrison is one of Montevallo's business young men, and has the esteem of those who know him. Miss Scott is one of Ganadurque's popular young maids, and was once the belle of her community. To the happy couple we extend our congratulations, and wish the a long and prosperous life.

In this issue will be found the announcement of Alonzo M. Cross for Sheriff of Shelby county. By reference to a card in another column he has the endorsement of a number of prominent citizens of Montevallo, (beat 4), his home, who are well acquainted with him and claim for him that he possesses the qualities that goes to make a good officer, and should be elected to the Sheriff's office of Shelby county will, no doubt, make a good officer.

The ice cream supper given by the baseball team at the residence of Rev. W. I. Sinnott Tuesday night was a grand success. The ladies of the city made liberal donations of cake and cream for the occasion. A number of our citizens as well as young people attended the festival, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The lawn in front of the residence was the scene of merriment, and under the soft rays of Chinese lanterns the dainty dishes of ice cream were served to the guests by the hands of the fair maids. The supper netted the team the sum of fifteen dollars.

CLOSING EXERCISES

of Vincent Free School, May 20-22, 1900.

Sunday May 20, 11 a. m., sermon by Rev. O. P. Bentley.

Monday, May 21, 8 p. m., exhibition by school.

Tuesday, May 22, Original Papers. Awarding medals, diplomas, etc., and literary address by C. S. Johnson, of Oxford. Everybody invited to come.

C. H. FLOREY, Prin.

Wanted

Fifty Sons of Veterans from each district in Shelby county to organize themselves into companies, elect their officers and drill so as to be ready for the reunion in August to be held at Shelby Springs. The writer will take pleasure in meeting with each company in their respective districts and give such instructions as will be necessary for association. Not less than fifty persons from each district will be accepted. Go to work boys, and get up your C. V. S. and write me when and where to meet you.

J. W. JOHNSON, Commander.

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Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where stomach, liver, kidney and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of the brain and body. Only 25 cents at Hall drug store.

Notice to Pensioners.

The Pension office of Shelby county, Ala., will open the first Monday in June at the courthouse. Those who failed to obtain a pension can apply again. By order of this board.

ROWE AND GIST, Commissioners.

SOAP!

Get whiz! Big deal and all other kinds of Soaps go to thunder. You go to Hammond's and get two cakes of POLO Soap for a nickel.

Mrs. W. A. Tallant is visiting relatives in Calera.

Mrs. W. J. Ashton, of Cordova, is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Sallie Cason, of Equality, is in the city visiting relatives this week.

Mrs. Thompson and children, of Birmingham, are visiting relatives in the city.

Call and see our Summer Corsets Columbiana Mercantile Co.

I wish to call the attention of the public to a line of Parasols just received. Also Shirts and Shirt Waists, please give me a call when in need of anything in my line.

Mrs. L. C. ARMSTRONG.

The ladies will give an ice cream festival next Tuesday night at the residence of D. R. McMillan for the purpose of raising funds to purchase seats for the Presbyterian church. The citizens, old and young are cordially invited to attend.

If you want Chewing Tobacco, call at the Columbiana Mercantile Co.

In Constipation Herbine affords a natural, healthful remedy, acting promptly. A few small doses will usually be found to so regulate the excretory functions that they are able to operate without any aid whatever. Price 50 cents. On sale at Williams Bros.

Fans from 5 cents to \$1.00 at Columbiana Mercantile Co.

For Whooping Cough, Asthma, Bronchitis, or Consumption, no medicine equals Ballard's Horehound Syrup Price, 25 and 50 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

New Irish Potatoes at Duran & Co.'s.

Ballard's Snow Liniment cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Sick Headache, Sore Throat, Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Old Sores, Corns, and all pain and inflammation. The most penetrating liniment in the world. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by Williams Bros.

Hay, Corn, Oats, Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls for cheapest prices go to Duran & Co.

Unless a woman eats sufficient nourishing food she can neither gain nor keep a good complexion. Food, when digested, is the base of all health, all strength, all beauty. Herbine will help digest what you eat, and give you the clear, bright, beautiful skin of health. Price 50 and 75 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

Everything kept in a grocery store can be found at our store. Duran & Co.

Many a fair young child, whose father has puzzled the mother, until she has suspected rightly her darling was troubled with worms, has regained the rosy hue of health with a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. Price 25c. On sale at Williams Bros.

Powell Blair, who shot Wiley J. Nelson about a month ago, at Shelby Springs, came to town Wednesday morning and surrendered himself to the sheriff, and gave a \$500 bond for his appearance at the next term of circuit court to answer to the charge against him.

Fourmile.

The pastor of the Wilsonville Circuit Rev. Holdridge, preached a very interesting sermon at Blue Springs Sunday to a large audience.

Mrs. Walter Riddle was able to be carried to Leonard Riddle's to spend Sunday. We are glad she is improving so well.

We are having a large Sunday school at Blue Springs now. Come let's make it a better one.

We learned that Prof. S. S. Crumpton, of this vicinity, was nominated for superintendent of education Saturday by the Republicans.

Some of our girls must be very small in a hawk's eye, or easy mistaken for "frying size," as one of them was caught by a hawk not long since.

A shower would be very gladly received by the "Hayseeds" just now.

The Misses Bridges and Mr. John Moore's folks went to preaching at Bethel Sunday.

Chas. Stamps looked very wistful Sunday. She didn't come this time, but she may come "some sweet day."

"Uncle Frank" McEwen has been right sick the past week, but one morning some of his turkey hens was fighting, and he being just able to creep around with his stick, he parted one of them just a little too hard on the neck causing her to die of a broken neck; so the feast on the accidental result has about put him on his feet again.

Where was Bennie and Willie Sunday? Went to Yellow Leaf, I guess.

Our good friend, J. W. Spearman has been sick for the last week or so with lagrippe.

Henry Taylor was out on Fourmile Sunday "scouting his eyes." Now, boy, you know the belles of Fourmile beats the belles of anywhere else.

It's a fact that Lush Baker called at the Parsons Sunday.

Fletcher Farr the spectacle drummer was out Sunday with his glasses shining like gold.

HONEST ABE.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from the first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottle of the Great Discovery at Hall drug store. Only 50 cents and \$1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

ALONZO CROSS

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SHERIFF.

We the undersigned citizens of Beat 4, Shelby county, Ala., earnestly desiring the election of good men for county and state officers, heartily recommend

ALONZO M. CROSS,

(of Montevallo, Ala.)

as one of the most diligent, honest and upright Christian men it has been our pleasure to know, and will in our opinion, if elected, make one of the best and most efficient sheriffs that Shelby county has ever had. No man in this beat can poll so large a vote for Sheriff as Mr. Cross, and we announce him for that office:

H. S. Latham, Frank West, T. W. Rogan, S. J. Perry, W. E. Denison, W. S. Cary, H. F. Hamill, C. L. Merriam, R. L. Lacey, Dr. J. W. Acker, W. Peter Day, Geo. W. Morgan, J. E. Berkstetter, R. T. Newton, H. R. Wells, J. Alex. Moore, P. J. Kroell, Edward Fulmer, W. A. Smith, S. P. West, E. S. Lyman, W. B. Strong, Geo. Kroell, W. E. Perry, Philip W. Hoskins, Wm. Lyman, Wm. M. Sessions, E. W. Chapman, Frank J. Kroell, Burgess Little, S. H. McCauley, J. H. Davis, Jr., Dr. D. G. Wilkinson, M. P. Jeter, D. W. Shivers.

See our Lace 2 cts per yard and up.

See our Embroidery 3 cents per yard and up.

Childrens and Misses Slippers at 35 cents a pair and up.

Ladies and Misses Leghorn Hats at 15 cents.

Gents Unlaundried Shirts at 30 cents each.

All our Ribbons, Etc., at half price. Fans from 5 cents up.

20 Pair Mens Shoes worth \$1.50 at \$1.00.

60 Pair Mens Shoes worth \$2.00 at \$1.40.

Ladies Shoes, a fine line at actual cost at the

RED STORE,

H. FOX, Proprietor.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chibblains, Best cure on earth. Drives out pains and aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hall, the druggist.

Chaple Chat.

Sunday school was well attended here Sunday.

Mr. Owens passed through our community, dear hunting Sunday.

Well, J. H. S., have you got the paid?

The singing Sunday was a success, and was well attended.

Fletcher, you seemed to be lost Sunday, how about it?

Well Charlie, you looked very sad Sunday.

LITTLE PAT.

Siluria Smiles.

Cotton chopping is the order of the day.

The Shoemaker Lumber Mills are running in full blast, and are shipping some good lumber.

Forrest Oates, of Pelham, is learning telegraphy at Siluria.

J. D. Butler, who has been working nights at Jemison, returned Monday.

Miss Elva Spencer, of Calera, spent Sunday here with friends.

Rev. Chastine filed his regular appointment at Elliottsville Sunday morning and night, with quite a good congregation present.

Jim Lambert was the guest of Miss May Cost Sunday.

Misses Pearl Nickerson, Myrtle Draper and Belle Shoemaker paid Siluria friends a flying visit Saturday afternoon.

W. E. Harrison, of Montevallo, and Miss Georgia Scott, of Ganadurque, were happily united in the holy bonds of wedlock Thursday.

Brant is looking very blue since Miss Georgia married, poor child, we are all in sympathy with him, and trust he will overcome the shock soon.

KID.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work. This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly and run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cts. Sold by Hall, the druggist."

Weldon News.

Rev. F. H. Holdrich, of Wilsonville, preached a very interesting sermon at Mt. Tabor Sunday evening.

Dr. B. H. Smothers transacted business in Columbiana Wednesday last.

Bob Cosper and family, of Sterrett, attended divine services at Mt. Tabor Sunday.

Miss Gillie Adams spent Saturday night with Miss Urs Moore.

L. C. Moore, of Sterrett, was in our community Sunday.

J. W. Hall paid Wilsonville a business trip Saturday.

W. B. Crumpton and Will Hataway, of RedLawn, were in our community Sunday dear hunting, we suppose.

M. L. Sharbut attended preaching at Mt. Tabor Sunday evening.

Will McKewen, of Wilsonville, and Miss Mattie Ray, of Lewis, were at Mt. Tabor Sunday evening.

Two girls were sighted on Yellow Leaf Sunday.

Prof. John Hughes, of beat 9, was in our little town Sunday.

D. S. Shaw went to your town on business last Wednesday.

V. R. Cowart, of Coosa Valley, was in town Saturday.

W. W. Dickerson, of Harpersville, was here Sunday.

WILD BILL.

Good Chewing Tobacco at 26 cts per pound at Columbiana Mercantile Co.

Center School House Dots.

Walter Mitchell is seriously ill with chills, supposed to be love chills.

Miss Viola and Lelia Baldwin, of Yellow Leaf, visited friends here Sunday.

Donis Riddle spent Sunday afternoon with his best girl.

J. L. Williams was the happy guest of Miss Cora Roper Sunday.

Blumer Minor was quite happy to see the Yellow Leaf girls Sunday.

E. B. Lyon would like very much to know the meaning of the words (I speak.)

Tom Stamps and James Mitchell made a flying trip to Bethel Sunday.

I wish to correct an error in the local items of two weeks ago, W. B. Crumpton and Lester Farr were the guest of Misses Ellen and Florence Bradbery instead of Walter Lyon and Walter Moore.

Walter Roper spent Sunday afternoon with the charming belle of Fourmile.

Hello! boys, I wonder how come Chalie Stamps looking so sad Sunday, he left his best girl saying: "gone, forever gone."

Meron Blackerby, of Beeswax, spent Sunday on Fourmile.

We think from the way Amos Crowson goes up the road we will get to eat some yellow bread soon.

W. B. Crumpton and Lester Farr were the guest of Misses Ellen and Florence Bradbery Sunday.

OLD PLUG.

A BLOOD TROUBLE

Is that tired feeling—blood lacks vitality and richness, and hence you feel like a lag-gard all day and can't get rested at night, Hood's Sarsaparilla will cure you because it will restore to the blood the qualities it needs to nourish, strengthen and sustain the muscles, nerves and organs of the body. It gives sweet, refreshing sleep and imparts new life and vigor to every function.

Tired Feeling—"I had that tired feeling and headaches. Was more tired in the morning than when I went to bed, and my back pained me. Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills have cured me and made me feel ten years younger." B. SCHULTZ, 274 Bushwick Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the Best Medicine Money Can Buy. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

SHREWD CASHIER.

Saved \$50,000 for His Bank by Prompt Action.

A cashier employed in a large western city recently went over the collateral held by his loan clerk simply by way of precaution. He noticed that one of the bank's best customers had over \$50,000 out on bills of lading of cattle on the way north. As the house in question had an attorney, this was not surprising. The firm was rated at over \$500,000, and its transactions were on a large scale. Suddenly it occurred to him that the way bills looked very much alike. Comparison showed that they were written by the same hand. He took one to the railroad which was supposed to have issued it, and found that it was a forgery. The handwriting on the bills was that of a member of the firm which was borrowing the money. This could mean but one thing—the firm was in desperate financial difficulties and about to go under. It was now too late to do anything in the matter that day. The cashier did not say a word to anybody, but went home. He did not sleep that night, but planned out his campaign for the next morning. The loans were all subject to call at any time. He waited until after the clearing house returns were in for the day to excite no suspicion. Then he had the guilty partner in the cattle firm rung up on the telephone. "Very sorry," he said to the cattle-man nonchalantly, "but we are debtors in the clearing house today. Money is a little scarce. Guess we'll have to ask you to repay that \$50,000 worth of loans today. Sorry to inconvenience you, and if you want the money again a little later, will be glad to have you call around." "Very well," came the reply; "will you have a check on our account in your bank or on our other bank?" "Better draw on the other bank, as that is customary," replied the cashier. In a few minutes the check, duly certified by the cashier of the rival institution, was sent in. The cashier took the precaution to send around to the other bank to make sure that the certification was no forgery. Then he sent for the forger. "Now," said he, "I have my money, and I can speak plainly. I want you to take your account out of this bank." "What do you mean?" demanded the cattle dealer. "You know perfectly well what I mean," was the reply. "You may take your account out of this bank and keep it out. We have no use for it." The account was withdrawn. Within less than thirty days the failure of the cattle firm was announced.

A Poor Fireman.

Mrs. A. told her new man-servant—a colored youth from the country—to make a fire in the drawing room. Coming in soon after, she found him hopelessly contemplating the andirons, tongs, and so forth, while a pile of logs by his side large enough to warm a regiment. "Have you never made a fire before, William?" she asked, somewhat sharply. "Well, ma'am, I ain't never made what yo' call a refined fire—no ma'am," was the puzzled reply. Harper's Bazar.

Many Millions in Cemeteries.

The cemeteries around London cover 2,000 acres, and the land they occupy represents a capital of \$100,000,000.

THE HEALTH OF YOUNG WOMEN

Two of Them Helped by Mrs. Pinkham.

—Read the Letters.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I am sixteen years old and am troubled with my monthly sickness. It is very irregular, occurring only once in two or three months, and also very painful. I also suffer with cramps and once in a while pain strikes me in the heart and I have drowsy headaches. If there is anything you can do for me, I will gladly follow your advice."
—Miss MARY GOMES, Aptos, Cal., July 31, 1898.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—After receiving your letter I began the use of your remedy, and in a few days, taking both Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier, I am now regular every month and suffer no pain. Your medicine is the best that any suffering girl can take."—Miss MARY GOMES, Aptos, Cal., July 6, 1899.

Nervous and Dizzy

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I wish to express my thanks to you for the great benefit I have received from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I suffered constantly from terrible sideache, had chills, was nervous and dizzy. I had tried different kinds of medicine but they all failed entirely. After taking three bottles of Vegetable Compound and three of Blood Purifier I am feeling better. I cannot thank you enough for what your remedies have done for me."—Miss MATHIDA JENSEN, Box 18, Ogdensburg, Wis., June 10, 1899.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY: gives quick relief and cures in 10 days. Free. Dr. H. N. GREEN'S BROS., Box 5, Atlanta, Ga.

Am. N. U. No. 21, 1900.

PISO'S CURE FOR

CONSUMPTION

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Dead Sea is soon to be traversed by a steamboat line. The first vessel has been purchased and will shortly begin running.

Baseball is good while it lasts. It keeps a boy from smoking cigarettes while he wears the cage over his countenance.

Automobiles may crowd the horse to the wall, but so long as there are wars and sieges there will be a demand for the sage and succulent mule.

A new American industry is being developed in Alaska. Toothpicks made of walrus whiskers are being shipped in large quantities from that territory to Europe.

Paris is having some difficulty in regulating people who want to race their automobiles. This problem will soon be adding gray hairs to the head of the bicycle policeman in this country.

Several articles have recently appeared in the magazines advocating systematic physical exercise from earliest infancy. Wise parents have always felt instinctively that romping with the babies was beneficial to all concerned. Now educators are trying to devise a progressive system of exercises.

Emperor William has empowered the Prussian Minister of Education, Dr. Studt, to forbid hereafter the use of Latin in all university and faculty degrees, assigning as a reason the importance of a "more general use of the German tongue." An order to this effect has been issued.

In the book publishing industry this country is rapidly crawling up on Great Britain. In 1898 less than 3,000 books were put on the market here. In 1899, however, the output amounted to 6,000 new publications. In Great Britain, during the same year, 7,249 books were published.

A woman lawyer of Chicago, in defending a woman accused of vagrancy, contended that the charge was absurd, as women were not intended to work. She won her case. It was a delightfully characteristic, because counsel contradicted her own plea. Unless, of course, the practice of law is not work.

The growl of the Ameer of Afghanistan against the indifference of the Government of India may be his way of demanding more bachelors. If so, the demand is made at an inopportune time, for the Indian Government has all it can do just now to provide for the millions of famine-stricken ryots who are dependent upon it for support.

The fact that more than \$2,000,000 could be lost in the burning of a Mexican town of which the average American had probably never heard must cause an opening of eyes on the part of those who deem our next neighbor to be a land of peons and "greasers." Two million dollar towns are worthy of good places on any map.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has decided, in reference to the Milwaukee street car muddle, that the power of a city council to grant street car franchises is not contractual but legislative. There is a very important principle involved here, for with the acceptance of this doctrine is involved a limitation of franchises. A law can be un-made or revoked by the successors of the legislators who enact it, whereas a contract is binding upon them.

If England has been slow to recognize the serious nature of the invasion of her markets by the American manufacturer, it cannot be denied that she is now acknowledging its success with astonishing frankness, and probing deeply into her own methods in the search for the true cause of her failure. The leading technical journals have thrown open their columns for a free discussion, both of the secrets of American success and of the apparent inability of English manufacturers to contend with it.

There has recently been published in Germany an interesting book entitled "A Century of Copper," which shows that the United States now furnishes more than half of all the copper used in the world. While the production has increased with great rapidity in other countries, in none has the copper industry developed so rapidly as in the United States. In 1890 the total value of copper manufactured was only \$2,349,392; in 1899 it had increased to \$35,983,529. In 1890 we exported 20,237,409 pounds to foreign countries. In 1899 we exported 254,987,164 pounds.

John G. Brady, Governor of Alaska, who went to Washington in the interest of the Alaskan bill, said: "The want of land-title laws has retarded the growth of Alaska more than anything else. For instance, Alaska would be glad to receive the large number of immigrants who are coming from Finland to this country. They are just the kind of people who would build up Alaska. They would be at home in the climate there, and the resources they would have are undoubtedly much better than those of Finland. These people would soon become prosperous; but we cannot invite them to come and settle upon land to which they cannot acquire title."

It behooves every mother, parent or guardian, aware of the exigency which may arise in all cases, to give to the daughters or wards at an appropriate age a mastery of some suitable profession or occupation which will enable them in case of need to support themselves with dignity and comfort—in short, to become independent and self-reliant. How many sad and unfortunate marriages might be traced to a palpable neglect to give young girls proper training at a proper age. Homeless and without means of support, or such a degree of skill as will win support, how many girls have been stowed their hands upon worthless and

disreputable men? observes the Atlantic Journal.

Merchants identified with Turkish trade are not at all concerned over the question involved between the two countries. While there is yet little direct business the information arriving indicates that the chances for the expansion of business are encouraging. A large share of the trade which has arrived is due to the efforts of European merchants and also to American manufacturers' agents in the leading European centres.

Socks and undershirts have a great future in Western China. The well-to-do Chinaman wears socks himself, and spends a good part of his income for them, and he likes to know all about your socks. The American undershirt is something that interests him, too. There is no national prejudice against it. It is out of sight, of course, and as its primary object is to keep the body warm, the Chinaman will buy the American undershirt if he can get it cheaper than his home weaver can make it.

After six months of trial the municipal pawnshop in Chicago is pronounced a success by its advocates. Not only does it yield a fair return on the investment, but it is reaching exactly the class of persons it was intended to benefit, as shown by the fact that a large number of the loans are for small amounts. The results have surpassed the expectations of the State Pawnshop Society, and as a consequence its members are doubling the capital put into the business, while plans are being made to secure legislative sanction for the establishment of like institutions in other Illinois cities.

The State of Illinois is taking hold of bird protection in earnest. The commonwealth has a new statute making it a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment, for any person to have in possession the body, living or dead, of any wild bird, the crow, the English sparrow and the chicken-hawk excepted. Had this law been enacted half a century since the State would have been benefited almost beyond conception, for she has lost many millions of dollars in fruit and grains through their destruction by insects, against the ravages of which birds were, perhaps, the only protection—surely the greatest.

Recently a Parliamentary return was made of all the sentences of corporal punishment inflicted upon persons convicted in England and Wales of violating the larceny act of 1861, bringing the record up to December 31, 1899. It shows a total of sixty-five sentences and the number of strokes ordered with the cat-o-nine-tails 1,012. The law under which this form of punishment was introduced was created for the suppression of garroting, which at the time of its enactment had become a common crime in London.

The Socialistic Co-operative Association, publisher of the New York Volks Zeitung, has secured from the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court in New York city a reversal of the judgment awarded against it to Samuel Prince, who claimed to be damaged by the publication in the Volks Zeitung of an alleged libelous letter addressed to the members of the Cigar-makers' International Union. In this letter his manner of conducting business was criticised, and he was called a "tenement house boss" and a "miserable scab." Justice Beckman of the Appellate Tribunal referred to the fact that testimony was given on the trial as to the significance of the word "scab," as indicating a person who was an out-cast to be shunned by his fellows. It was unnecessary, he said, to have recourse to evidence of that description. The term was one of ancient origin in its application to persons of disrepute, meaning "paltry or shabby fellow." It was entirely free from doubt, the Court said, that the publication was libelous per se. The reversal was ordered, mainly, because of the improper admission in evidence on the part of plaintiff of the report of a committee favorable to him in reference to certain charges.

Only a Delusion.

A Memphis woman who is a great stickler for fresh air tells this joke on herself:

Her husband is as much afraid of draughts as she is of foul air, and argument frequently runs high on the question of fresh air in their bedroom at night. And, better than argument, he sometimes slyly closes the window after his wife has "set" it for the night. One night the lady woke up with that stifled feeling and, declaring that her husband had neglected to turn the slats of the inside shutters, got up and did it herself, then went back to bed breathing deep, full breaths of pure air that came in through the open window and slept peacefully; conscious that she was not poisoning her lungs with impure air.

Imagine her astonishment the next morning when she went to close the window to find that it had been tightly closed all night.—Memphis Scimitar.

Chickens Know the Whistle.

A curious spectacle is afforded travelers on the Monon every day at Monon, the junction of the main line and the Indianapolis division. There two of the through trains, carrying diners, meet, and the dining cars are set out. The cooks clean up their kitchens, throwing the refuse overboard, and the chickens in the neighborhood are wont to come there and feed upon the scraps. It is said that there is not a fowl within half a mile that has not come to recognize the whistle of the engines pulling the passenger trains; and when they are sounded for the station it is the signal for the chickens to come running, flying over fences and hustling pell-mell to get on the grounds for the feast.—Louisville Commercial.

For Repairing Warships.

Warships can be repaired without docking by using a new apparatus, which has a series of electro magnets arranged around a central cup, to cause the latter to adhere to the hull of the ship over a shot hole until it can be repaired.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS

NOT SO FREQUENT IN RECENT YEARS.

Travel on American Trains Safer Now Than Ever Before—Work of Guarding Against Accidents Is Being Diligently Followed Up.

There are 50,000 flagmen, switchmen and line watchmen employed on the railroads of the United States, and the duties which devolve upon them relate primarily to the security of passing trains. The use by them of lanterns at night and flags by day, while desirable in a small way as a measure of protection, especially at crossings, is by no means so important as the signal lights which are regulated by telegraphic communication, maintained along the line of track. Under the signal rules adopted by the American railroad association, the application of which is general not only throughout the United States, but in Mexico and Canada as well, a red light whenever displayed signifies danger and calls for a stop; a green light cautions and commands "go slowly;" white indicates safety and commands "Go ahead." A blue flag by day and a blue light by night displayed at one or both ends of an engine, car or train signifies that workmen are engaged on or about it. When thus protected it must not be disturbed. One effect of the more general use of uniform signals has been the steady reduction of the number of fatalities on American railroads, the total number of which is now considerably less than it was ten years ago, though in the meantime railroad travel has increased enormously. The total number of passengers carried on American railroads in a year is not far from 600,000,000, and the number of fatalities to passengers average less than 250, or less than one two-thousandth of 1 per cent. While the number of passengers carried is increasing, the number of accidents is diminishing in consequence of the fact that while some railroad accidents appear to be absolutely unavoidable, serious accidents entailing the wreckage of trains and wholesale disasters are very much less frequent than formerly. The adoption and maintenance of a complete system of railroad signals, entails a considerable expense upon railroad companies, but it is much more than made up by the advantages attained, which include greater security in travel, a high rate of speed for passenger trains, a much diminished danger of track obstruction and a practical diminution in the number and success of suits brought for damages. The work of making travel safe on American railroads is going ahead even faster than is the work of railroad building, actively resumed since 1897.—New York Sun.

PAPA FROG AND THE TADPOLES

His Children Cling to His Back Till They are Big Enough to Leave.

A male frog with little tadpoles living on his back was discovered lately by Dr. August Brauer of Marburg, Germany. For a little fellow it has a pretty long name, but perhaps its paternal devotion has earned it the long Latin name, *arthroleptis seychellensis*. It has been noticed before that in some species of frogs living in Venezuela and the island of Trinidad the male bears the young on its back, to which they hold by their mouths. But this new species is the first one on which so many as nine little ones were discovered, and besides they do not hold on by their mouths, but seem to be stuck to the papa frog's back and sides by some gummy substance which holds them in place until they are large enough to care for themselves. It is a wonderful device of nature, that the female sometimes deposits her eggs on the back of the male, where they hatch out, and the little tadpoles grow until they attain a certain size. Such is, of course, not the case with our common frogs, but in these rare species only lately found by naturalists is a strange reversal of what seems to us to be the usual law that the mother takes care of the young. In this species the eggs are not laid on the back of the male, but on the ground, and only after they are hatched do they take up their position on papa's back. And there they ride until they are big enough to walk around and look for their own food.

A Queer Name.

There is a woman's outing club up in Maine, composed of a dozen Portland females that glories in a name which has proved a puzzle to protectors and an equal puzzle as to meaning. For ten years these women have preserved their secret, but it has just leaked out that Rammelheckt, the club name, is composed of the first letter of the Christian name of each of the members.

Tetter and Eczema.

"What will you charge me for 1 dozen boxes Tetterine? I know it to be a splendid remedy for the cure of Tetter and Eczema. I would like to keep it for sale. Mrs. Emma Plummer, Waynesboro, Miss." If your druggist don't keep, send 50c. to J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga., for a box.

Wise Cat.

These are the three reflections of Theophile Gautier's cat when she first saw a parrot: "This is certainly a green chicken," was her first thought. Succeeding it, came the conclusion: "Chickens, even if green, are good to eat." Then she sprang upon the perch, and the parrot shouted at her in French. "Ah," thought pusey, "it can't be a chicken at all! It must be a gentleman!"

Double Speed.

Uncle Abe—Dem automobiles go so fast it 'ud take two niggers to tell about 'em. Sambo—How's dat? Uncle Abe—one ter say "Here she comes," an' one ter say "Thar she goes!"

MAKES HER SICK,

New Jersey Woman Who Is Strangely Affected by Light.

In a Spruce street boarding-house there is now living an elderly spinster who for thirty years has avoided the light. She is no misanthrope, no recluse, nor does her aversion to light arise from any constitutional defect. Of wide information, chatty and fond of company, her peculiar condition precludes enjoyment of society in circumstances making social intercourse most pleasant. In the evenings when the gas is lighted, she retires to a cloaked corner, and hidden under an umbrella especially constructed to ward off rays of light, she holds converse. Thus she sits for hours, like some seeress unseen by those in the same room, and not seeing those to whom she talks and charms with her fund of bright and interesting things. Not that her eyesight is affected—it is as good as that of any woman 60 years of age. She simply cannot bear the light to strike her. Diffused sunlight as a rule does not trouble her, but a tiny ray illuminating a near-by object upsets her physical system and is followed by an attack of nausea. The patient is Miss Ford of Moorestown, N. J. A descendant of the Fords in whose house Washington made his headquarters while in that part of New Jersey. She came here recently to be treated for her peculiar malady. The physicians who have her case in charge will not say whether her condition is pathologically natural or reflex. Her ailment has existed for thirty years. For all that time she has been unable to suffer the radiance of daylight, and when electric light was introduced her retirement from its presence was rendered imperative. Its effect upon her nervous system is so baleful that she is made ill, as though some nauseating dose had been administered to her. So sensitive has Miss Ford become to the irritating effect of light that should a sun's ray invade her corner and flicker upon the hangings, or tint the window shade, she would be immediately thrown into a nervous spasm. The sun which brightens and cheers all the world is to her a dread visitor, whose benign sparks are malevolent messengers. The effulgence all nature glories in induces only abhorrence in her. When she drives out, except on cloudy days, the curtains of the carriage are drawn and draperies so arranged that there may be no invasion of distinct rays of light. The most peculiar fact connected with Miss Ford's unique condition is that it is not necessary for her to see the ray of light to be adversely affected. Its mere presence in her immediate vicinity, at her side or behind her back, renders her susceptible.—Philadelphia North American.

DRAMATIC SCENE

At a Hanging Owing to a Mistake About a Reprive.

"The dramatic interruption of the Wright hanging over in Gretna," said a New Orleans lawyer, "reminds me of a strange and tragic episode which occurred years ago at a little river town in Kentucky, where I first began the practice of law. I'll tell you the facts in a few words. A worthless white man named Jim Early had murdered an old farmer under very atrocious circumstances, and was convicted and sentenced to death. As is often the case with such men, Early had a most excellent and devoted wife, and she moved heaven and earth to save his neck, but without success. She did everything humanly possible, and the day before the hanging, when she finally realized that her efforts were in vain, she made a formal application to the court to be allowed to have her husband's remains, which would otherwise have been turned over to a medical college. The next morning the judge, in glancing over his papers, happened to remember that he hadn't written the official order for Early's body, and, doing so in some haste, gave it to a clerk to deliver. The clerk in turn handed it over to an old deputy, saying, 'Here, take this over to the sheriff right away. The judge has granted that order for Mrs. Early.' The old man, who was half-blind and deaf, totally misinterpreted the remark, and, supposing the paper to be a reprieve, started bareheaded on a run for the jail. He arrived just as the poor woman was bidding her husband good-bye in front of his cell, and thrusting the paper into her hand he bawled out: 'Stop! Stop everything! Here's a reprieve! For a moment everybody seemed petrified. Then one of the officers began to chide the prisoner, and Mrs. Early, sobbing and weeping and calling out to her husband, answered her prayers, flung herself into his arms. The paper had fallen to the floor, and the sheriff picked it up mechanically. He told me afterward that he felt as if he had received a bullet through his heart when he read the contents. Instead of a reprieve it was an order for the man's dead body! I was present, yet I can hardly tell what followed. I only know there was a scene of terrible confusion; that they dragged the woman away by main force, and proceeded with the execution as quickly as they could. The terrible double shock left him so stunned that I doubt if he knew what was happening when he went through the trap."

Printed the Wrong Portrait.

After Hon. Foster M. Voorhees was elected governor of New Jersey the elected portraits of him were published in the newspapers. They made an interesting variety. In one instance an enterprising journal drew upon its cabinet and used a cut of the president of a small western university, showing a young man with the hair carefully parted and curled, and with eye-glasses that stood prominently in the picture. He looked about 20 years of age and the face was smooth and smiling. The governor had a good laugh over this particular picture as well as over some of the other interesting variations of his countenance. He is not an old man by any means, being only 43, but he has the look of a serious student and man of affairs. His home is in Elizabeth, N. J.

LANGUID



How are the children this spring? Complaining a good deal of headache, can't study as well as usual, easily fall asleep, and are tired all the time? And how is it with yourself? Is your strength slipping away? Do you tremble easily, are your nerves all unstrung, do you feel dull and sleepy, and have you lost all ambition?

That's Spring Poisoning

Nearly every one needs a good spring medicine; a medicine that will remove impurities from the system, strengthen the digestion, and bring back the old force and vigor to the nerves. A perfect Sarsaparilla is just such a medicine; a Sarsaparilla that contains the choicest and most valuable ingredients; a Sarsaparilla accurately and carefully made, and one that experience has shown is perfect in every way.

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All over Japan you will see images of foxes—old foxes, with their noses clipped and their cars broken off; older foxes still, with a growth of moss on their backs; sly, alert, foxes, with noses perked smartly in the air; great foxes and little foxes, sages and dawns, all kinds and degrees—showing the prevalence of this belief in the land of the wistaria and the fan, and also showing in what respect the fox is held, says a traveler. It is curious to note that in all countries the fox above all other animals has been considered to exert great influence and power. All nations have legends of which the cunning and intelligence of the fox is the theme.

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The Rev. T. C. Street Meeklen, the new provost of the Trinity university, Toronto, is the first Canadian to hold that post, all his predecessors having been Englishmen.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has given the old Stanford home in Sacramento, Cal., to Bishop Moss, of the Catholic church, together with a \$10,000 endowment with which to maintain it as an orphanage.

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CURRENT STATE NEWS

Gathered From All Sections of Alabama.

STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETS

And Transacts Some Important Business—Murderers Expatriate Their Crimes—Col. Gilchrist Dead.

The state democratic executive committee at its meeting in Birmingham Friday elected a secretary to succeed N. L. Miller, resigned; passed upon several county contests, appointed a campaign committee and in conference with the democratic nominees for state offices took up other matters pertaining to the campaign.

Twenty-one members of the committee were present and all the democratic nominees except Judge W. H. Matthews, nominee for state auditor, who was detained at home by reason of illness.

The committee was called on to settle the question of the regular county committee for Lee county, and this was decided in favor of the committee selected at the county convention held on April 21.

The Morgan county contest was passed until June 8, on which date the committee will again meet in Birmingham.

Chairman Lowe announced the campaign committee, and John V. Smith, of Russell, was elected chairman.

John C. Pugh, of Birmingham, was elected secretary of the executive committee to succeed N. L. Miller, whose resignation was accepted.

Mr. Lowe stated that the committee at the last meeting directed him to appoint a campaign committee, of which he should be chairman, but he found that it would be impracticable for him to serve in that capacity and he, therefore, moved that John V. Smith, of Russell, be elected chairman of the committee.

Mr. Lowe appointed the following campaign committee, which he had been authorized to appoint:

F. L. Pettus, of Selma; T. D. Sanford, of Opelika; John R. McCain, of Lineville; D. B. Burgess, of Mobile; E. W. Booker, of Speigner; Charles Henderson, of Troy; L. B. Musgrove, of Jasper; John J. Altman, of Birmingham; Wilson R. Brown, of Sheffield; Dan A. Greene, of Birmingham; James G. Moore, of Blocton; W. T. Sanders, of Athens; W. H. Thomas, of Montgomery.

Rosser's Appointment Urged.

Members of the Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia delegations and General Wheeler saw Postmaster General Smith Saturday and urged the appointment of R. J. Rosser, of Alabama, postoffice inspector at Havana, for postmaster at Havana.

The bill for a public building at Florence, Ala., passed the senate and is now before the house committee on public buildings and grounds, and is certain to be favorably reported thence. The cost of the building will be \$70,000.

Col. Gilchrist Dead.

Colonel James G. Gilchrist, one of the most distinguished of Montgomery county citizens, died at his home Friday. He was 86 years old, and his death was the result of infirmities of age. At the time of his death he was president of the board of revenue of Montgomery county, and he has served as a member of this board continuously for twenty-five years. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical college at Auburn.

Three Murderers Expatriate Their Crimes.

At Eutaw, Beauty Ingram and Walter Gordon, two negroes, were hanged for the murder of Thomas Burton, at Clinton, March 31.

At Talladega, Friday, Albert Curry, colored, was hanged for one of the most heinous crimes in the history of Talladega county. The murderer decapitated Jas. P. Dobbins to the outskirts of the town and brutally murdered him.

Three Suits for \$20,000 Each.

In the city court of Birmingham three suits were filed against the Dimmick Pipe company for \$20,000 each damages. The parties suing are H. D. Brown, J. A. Olive and D. C. Patillo, three of the workmen who were injured three weeks ago by the collapse of the roof the new pipe works of this company at North Birmingham.

Child Burned to Death.

At Uniontown, while playing cooking with her little sister, Stella Cohen, the 7-year-old daughter of the late David Cohen, got too near the blaze, when her clothing caught fire and she was burned to death, despite the heroic efforts to save her. Mr. Cohen, an uncle of the unfortunate little girl, heard her screams and ran to her assistance, in company with Miss Fiebleman. They finally succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but too late to save the child.

To Choose Wheeler's Successor.

The democratic executive committee of the Eighth congressional district met Saturday in Decatur and called a convention for July 3 to nominate a candidate to fill the unexpired term of General Wheeler and also for the term of two years following. The candidates now announced are: Judge William Richardson of Madison, Hon. Jesse E. Brown of Jackson, Hon. W. H. Sawtelle of Colbert and Samuel Blackwell of Morgan.

Mrs. Street Burned to Death.

While Mrs. Sarah J. Street, of Selma, was burning up some old hen's nests in the yard Saturday, her dress caught fire, and she was so badly burned that she died a few hours later. Mrs. Street was the widow of the Rev. Thomas W. Street, a Methodist minister, and mother of Rev. W. M. Street, of Mt. Meigs. She was a highly esteemed lady and her death is greatly deplored.

Convention to Name Candidate.

Pursuant to a call of J. G. Marbury, chairman of the executive committee of the democratic party of St. Clair county, the committee met at Coal City on May 16 and called a convention to meet at Coal City on June 6 to nominate candidates for the various county offices, beat meetings to be held in each beat on June 2 to elect delegates to the county convention on the 6th.

Congressional Primary.

E. K. Campbell, chairman of the Ninth district executive committee has called a meeting of that committee to be held at the court house in Birmingham May 31. At this meeting arrangements will be made for holding a congressional primary.

Six Persons Died From Poison.

It is reported from Clarksville, I. T., that six persons died there after drinking a decoction supposed to contain Jamaica ginger. Dr. Huffaker is reported as among the dead. No other names are given.

Killed by Lightning.

During a thunder storm near Tusculum, James Berry, a young man 21 years of age, son of E. A. Berry, was struck by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed, while plowing.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

Reports are received from Paint Rock Valley that the finest wheat crop in years will be raised there this year.

Herman Handcock, of Stevenson, while trying to beat his way on a freight train, fell and had his right foot crushed off.

The Episcopal council, in session in Mobile, conferred the office of bishop coadjutor upon Dr. Robert Woodward Barnwell, of Selma.

The Adjutant General has received the resignations of Captain E. E. Apperson and Lieutenant Ikerman from the Alabama National Guard and an election has been ordered to fill the vacancies.

N. J. Thacker, of Ten Broeck, DeKalb county, was the victim of a vicious mule a few days ago. Mr. Thacker was near the animal when it gave him a kick that produced death almost instantly.

Ad Wimbbs, of Greensboro, colored candidate for state chairman of the republican party, has filed with Secretary Dick, of the National Republican Executive committee, a contest of both the Vaughan and Bingham state conventions.

Messrs. B. F. Thompson and W. B. Hunt will put in a telephone system at Scottsboro. A large number of business houses and private residences have subscribed, and it will be only a short time before work of putting up the telephones will begin.

Mr. Winston F. Garth, whose place, Piedmont Farm, is near Huntsville, has made the raising of fine horses a study, and finds that the business is a success. He shipped last week fifteen fine trotters, 3-year-olds, and one pacer, to the market at Cleveland, O., and is making a fine show of others in the same class.

The democratic convention of the Second Congressional district nominated Col. A. A. Wiley for congress.

TO PAY CONFEDERATES.

Congress Passes Bill to Reimburse Losses During Civil War.

For the first time since the civil war, the house Friday passed a measure to pay Confederate soldiers for losses growing out of the civil war. It was a bill introduced by Mr. Cox of Tennessee to pay the Confederate soldiers who surrendered at Appomattox for the loss of horses and other personal effects taken from them in violation of Lee's capitulation to Grant, by which officers and men of Lee's army were allowed to retain their baggage, side arms and horses.

The bill originally carried \$200,000 but the specific sum was stricken out of its order as a special compliment to Mr. Cox, who after ten years' service in the house is to retire at the end of his present year. Under the rules the day was devoted to the consideration of bills reported by the committee on war claims. Among the bills passed were:

To pay Rev. W. T. McElroy, \$3,265 for rent of building at Louisville, Ky.; to pay the trustees of Carson Newman college, at Mossy Creek, Tenn., \$8,000 for the use of its buildings during the war; to pay the heirs of T. W. Wilson, of Corinth, Miss., \$4,419 for property taken during the civil war; to pay A. T. Hensley, of Lavaca, Tex., \$5,389 for services to the United States; to pay the trustees of Houston seminary, New Market, Tenn., \$3,000; to pay Robert Small, formerly representative from South Carolina, \$5,000 for services in taking the steamer Planter safely out of Charleston harbor, December 1, 1863; to refer the claims of Chakley Good, of Statesville, N. C., amounting to \$30,000; of Mary C. Gray, of Madison county, Mississippi, \$15,000; of W. W. Dunter, of Hinds county, Mississippi, \$80,000, and of R. A. Schellhouse, of Iowa, \$5,800, to the court of claims.

PLAN OUTLINED

For Compulsory Arbitration by the Southern Industrial Convention.

At a session of the Southern Industrial Convention, at Chattanooga, the committee on industrial interests reported as follows on compulsory arbitration:

"We recommend the appointment by every southern state of a board of arbitration composed of not more than three members, selected for their general fitness for the position, and free from political influence, to whom all differences between labor and capital shall be referred, and whose decisions shall be final, except that an appeal may lie from such decisions by any aggrieved party to the civil courts in the meantime, making a felony to strike, or order a boycott or lockout, pending such decision in the courts."

The report was unanimously adopted.

A resolution was adopted, thanking secretary Wilson for attending the convention, and still another providing for the appointment of a committee to submit a plan at the New Orleans meeting for the permanent organization of the convention as to a society to promote southern interest.

AMERICANS AMBUSHED.

Rebels Were Finally Routed, Losing Fifty-one Killed.

A Manila special says five hundred insurgents, half of whom were armed with rifles, ambushed eighty scouts of the Fortieth volunteer in the hills near Agassan, in the northern part of Mindano.

The Americans routed the natives, killing 51. The American casualties were two killed and three wounded.

Secretary of State for Porto Rico.

W. H. Hunt, of Montana, has been selected to be secretary of state for the island of Porto Rico. Mr. Hunt was recently appointed agent for the United States government before the Chilean claims commission, a position which he vacates to accept this last appointment.

Bought Big Mills.

The Boyer Lumber Company, of Pensacola, Fla., a newly organized corporation, has bought the mills of the Morrison Mill Company in Covington county, Alabama, the consideration being \$25,000.

Elected Five New Bishops.

The general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church in session at Columbus, Ohio, elected five new bishops, as follows:

M. M. Moore, D. D., Washington; Evans Tyree, D. D., Nashville; C. S. Smith, D. D., Nashville; C. L. Shaffer, D. D., Philadelphia; L. J. Coppen, D. D., Philadelphia. With the election of five additional bishops, the council now contains thirteen and all elected for life.

PLAGUE ON OUR SHORES

Several Cases Have Been Reported in San Francisco.

SIX DEATHS IN THE CHINESE QUARTER

Rigorous Measures Taken to Prevent the Spread of the Dread Disease. Inoculating Chinese—No Living Cases at Present.

A special from San Francisco says: The board of health has adopted a resolution declaring that bubonic plague exists in San Francisco. The health authorities say that while there are no living cases here there have been six deaths during the past three months, and they have decided to take precautions against the development and spread of the disease. The resolution, which was adopted reads as follows:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that bubonic plague exists in the city and county of San Francisco and that all necessary steps already taken for the prevention of this spread be continued together with such additional measures as may be required."

Saturday morning a force of physicians went through Chinatown to treat Chinese with haffkine prophylactic as a preventive against the plague.

The members of the board of health say that there is absolutely no danger of the development or spread of the disease at San Francisco, but, at the same time, they do not propose to take chances and it is their duty to take precautions.

When it became known in Chinatown that the board of health had determined to inoculate the residents of the Chinese section, groups of Chinese gathered on every corner and denounced the action of the board as outrageous. Some of the more wealthy of the indignant Chinese hurried their families into hacks and other vehicles in the attempt to send them out of the district. Some succeeded in getting as far as the city limits, where they were stopped by the police. Others attempted to leave the city on trains.

Texas Quarantines.

A telegram was received at Austin, Tex., confirming the reports of the existence of the bubonic plague at San Francisco. Immediately upon receipt of the news, Dr. Blunt declared absolute quarantine against San Francisco and stationed inspectors at El Paso and Texarkana. No passengers will be admitted into the state from San Francisco.

MAKING RELIEVED.

British Relief Column Enters the Suffering City.

It was officially announced at Pretoria Friday that when the laagers and forts around Mafeking had been severely bombarded, the siege was abandoned, a British force from the south taking possession of the place.

It is reported that 5,000 British troops have surrounded Christiania and Landroost and other officials have been taken prisoners.

Mysterious Murder in Memphis.

At an early hour Saturday morning the dead bodies of Henry Reichmann, of Memphis, and Mrs. Lilly Badakin, wife of a newspaper man of Forest City, Ark., were found in Memphis, Tenn. Reichmann had been shot three times, while the woman's body received one bullet. The affair is shrouded in mystery.

REEVES DISGORGES MONEY.

And Made a Confession, Too. Got It From Neely.

W. H. Reeves, deputy auditor of the island, made a confession and gave up \$4,500 given to him by C. F. W. Neely, the arrested financier, agent of posts, at Havana, to perform certain services the day he left.

General Wood and the postal inspectors refuse to disclose the nature of the confession, barely admitting that one has been made. It is believed now that the whole story is known and that the amount of the defalcations will fall between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

St. Mary's Monastery Burned.

Fire, which is believed to have occurred from spontaneous combustion in a sparrow's nest under the eaves of the five-story college building of St. Mary's Monastery, at Belmont, N. C., destroyed the main building and the entire west wing, with a magnificent tower, involving a loss of \$100,000, on which there is insurance of only \$5,000.

BOER-BRITISH WAR NOTES.

The Duke of Marlborough has been ordered home from South Africa on sick leave.

The Portuguese authorities at Loranca Marques have declared earned best contribution of war.

A Kimberley jury has acquitted two men who were charged with treasonably assisting the Boers.

Four hundred burghers have given up their arms in Koonstad, Orange Free State, and its vicinity.

General Roberts has converted the British army into a mobile force well adapted for operations against the Boers.

At the British hospitals in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, the deaths from enteric fever average from eight to ten daily.

The Cape Argus publishes a report saying that well-informed foreigners in Pretoria now consider the Johannesburg mines safe.

President Kruger's request for permission to sell mining rights at prices fixed by the Government has been denied by the Raad.

The Queen has issued a proclamation permitting trading between the South African colonies and the parts of the Orange Free State now occupied by the British forces.

It is stated positively that the explosion in the Deep Level Shaft at the Johannesburg mine was due to the carelessness of inexperienced workmen.

General Sir Charles Warren has been gazetted Military Governor of Cape Colony north of the Orange River, with the exception of Kimberley.

The British Government has instructed

SUN'S COMING ECLIPSE.

Preparations of Astronomers to Observe the Phenomenon.

It Will Sweep Across the American Continent From New Orleans to Cape Henry—A Total Eclipse.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The forthcoming total eclipse of the sun on May 28, is attracting world-wide attention, and astronomers everywhere have been making preparations for observing and photographing the phenomenon. Besides making the usual time observations, interest largely centers in photographing the corona, the coronal streamers, the spectra of the chromosphere, and particularly the celebrated flash spectrum appearing both at beginning and end of totality. Fortunately it will be possible to witness the phenomenon from many sections of the United States.

The Johns Hopkins University expedition to observe the solar eclipse will work in unison with the United States Naval Observatory and under the supervision of the latter. The observation of the eclipse will be divided among five parties. At Plumhurst, N. C., there will be four astronomers from Washington, under the direction of Professor Skinner, the John Hopkins party, and a party from the Coast and Geodetic Survey, under Professor G.

DISCIPLINE REMAINS RIGID.

Methodist Church Will Not Change Its Position Toward Worldly Pleasures.

The Methodist church will not, if the report of the committee at the Chicago convention is accepted, alter its position toward playing cards, dancing and certain other amusements. The amusement question is settled so far as the committee on the state of the church is concerned. That committee decided to recommend that the section on prohibited amusements be taken out and that a new section be inserted. The paragraph to be inserted is as follows:

"Our church has from the beginning of its history insisted that dancing, playing all games of chance, attending theatres, horse races, circuses, dancing parties and other amusements, which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus, are perilous to the spiritual life and influence of the members of our church and enervating to the spiritual power of the church in the great work of saving souls. The tendency in social circles toward dangerous amusements was never stronger than now, and we deem it wise to reaffirm our historic attitude upon this subject. This advice must not be interpreted as the waiving of the church's right to call to account any member who continues to indulge in those diversions, which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus."

MURDER IN FLORIDA.

Member of Florida Turpentine Firm Assassinated.

A. B. Moore, senior member of the firm of Moore Bros., turpentine distillers, near Roberts station, Fla., was assassinated by negroes Saturday. Moore went to Roberts station with the intention of compelling a negro to return to Molnecow with him; having paid the negro's transportation. When Moore reached Roberts his deserted employe was found with a half dozen negroes, all desperate characters. While remonstrating with the one he wanted Moore was fired upon by nearly every one in the crowd and instantly killed. Wm. Smith, one of the assassinating party, was seriously wounded, and C. J. Joiner, white, was shot through the leg. W. B. Moore, junior partner in the firm, shot and killed Jeff Griffin, a colored employe, on March 29. E. S. Moore, a brother of Joiner and R. Rogers, all white, were indirectly implicated and the three first named were arraigned before a special grand jury.

KILLED FATHER AND SON.

Desperate Deed of a Lover Near Cordale, Georgia.

A story, meagre in details and lacking confirmation, reached Macon, Ga. Sunday, to the effect that William Raines and his son were killed near Cordale, Ga., by a Mr. Gleaton, who intended to marry Miss Raines. During the morning Gleaton rode out to the home of Miss Raines, accompanied by a friend. The girl's father interfered and tried to induce her to remain at home. A quarrel quickly arose, and the young woman's brother rushed up with a pistol and commenced shooting at Gleaton and his companion. Gleaton drew his pistol and shot the young lady's father, killing him instantly. He then shot the brother. By this time a neighbor of the Raines family came in and tried to stop the trouble, but was himself shot down.

Since then the brother has died. The friend of the Raines family is believed to be mortally wounded, and the friend of Gleaton is in a critical condition. Both Raines and Gleaton are planters.

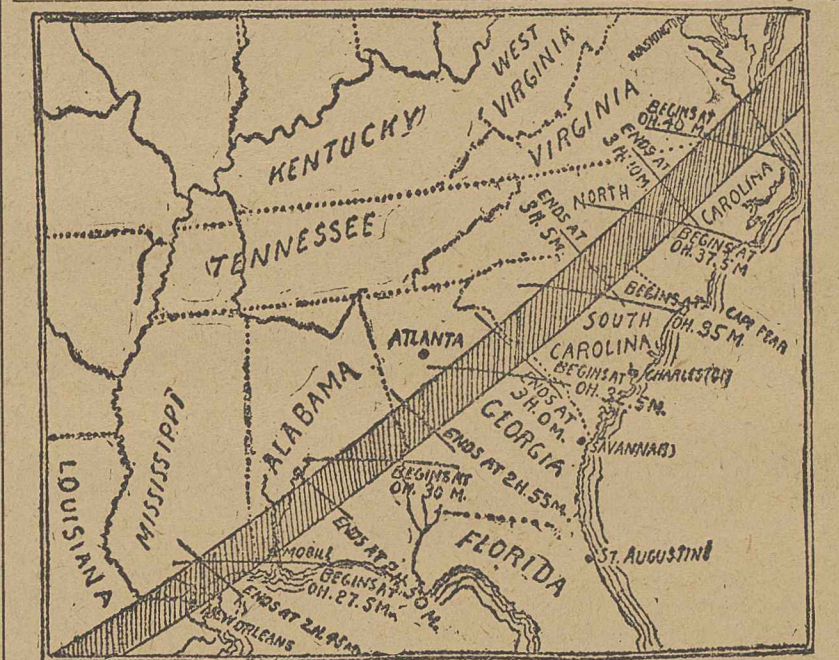
PREPARING FOR THE ECLIPSE.

Numerous Parties of Astronomers Now in the South.

Preparations of an elaborate nature are going on in those parts of Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina in the area of totality, for observing the solar eclipse Monday, May 28.

Observations will be made by parties at Thomaston, Barnesville, Indian Springs, Griffin, Union Point, Washington and other points in Georgia; Pinehurst and Wadesboro, N. C.; Thompson, Ala., and other points where clear weather is generally to be expected at this time of year.

Will Build Cotton Mill at Jacksonville. George P. Ide of Jacksonville, is in Boston making the final arrangements for the building of a cotton mill at Jacksonville. The erection of the mill now seems assured and Mr. Ide's mission is to close up the matter. The mill will cost about \$150,000, Boston parties furnishing most of the capital and Jacksonville the remainder. It will manufacture yarns and probably have a bleachery in connection with it.



its Consul at Amsterdam to expend \$250 for Dutch books for the use of the Boer prisoners at St. Helena.

President Kruger's reply to General Roberts' inquiry as to the treatment of British prisoners at Pretoria, says colonial prisoners are treated like others.

A number of Boer women have offered to immediately form a corps to guard the railway or to proceed to the front to fight in the trenches with their male relatives.

The Imperial authorities at Cape Town have sent money to Pretoria for needy prisoners, both British and colonial. Each prisoner coming under this description will receive \$25. Adolph S. Hay, American Consul at Pretoria, will distribute the money.

NEWSY CLEANINGS.

Swarms of locusts have appeared in Kansas.

Coal mine owners in England have increased the price of coal thirty per cent.

The Danish Government is willing to sell the little island of St. John to the United States.

A new Bible has been published in London in which the New Testament precedes the Old.

The continued success of American jockeys in England has bewildered all horse owners there.

The butchers of Germany and Austria propose to organize in an effort to keep out American meats.

The Department of Agriculture contemplates the establishment of an experiment station at Porto Rico.

Western railroad managers are discussing plans for religious services on Sunday on fast through trains.

The German Government has adopted the single tax system for Kyao Chau, China, levying a tax of six per cent. on land value.

The Board of Education of Chicago has voted in favor of playgrounds for children in all future plans for new school buildings.

Whisk brooms have been placed in all cars of the South Chicago Street Railway Company for the use of dusty passengers.

A gold mine has been located on one of the streets of Kentucky, Shasta County, Cal., and there are indications of an oil vein in another.

Luzon is now overspread with a network of telephone and telegraph lines. A million words are daily transmitted in the Philippines.

The Argentine Government has sent fifty young men from the different provinces to be educated in the agricultural schools of the United States.

St. Paul, Minn., citizens are making plans for a convention hall and auditorium, with a seating capacity of 15,000, to cover a space of 150 by 150 feet.

The Park board of Baltimore, Md., has forbidden the use of automobiles in any of the public parks or pleasure places in the city under control of the Board.

The annual egg-rolling fete at the White House on Easter Monday cost the United States \$114.23. That amount was spent in cleaning up the eggs left by the children and in resodding a part of the White House lawn.

LABOR WORLD.

Strikes have interfered with building operations in the Northwest.

In 1898 1550 men and 15,100 women were employed by the tobacco producers of France.

Russia has shipped 100,000 coals from China to Manchuria to construct the railway to Port Arthur.

Cape May, N. J., contractors and carpenters have signed an agreement that nine hours should constitute a day's work.

Organized labor in Kansas City has decided to boycott all who patronized the street-car lines until after the strike was ended.

Sentenced for Twelve Years.

At Sevierville, Tenn., Cal. Derrick was sentenced to twelve years imprisonment for the daring effort he and two others made to rob the Sevierville bank in broad daylight last October.

Big Fire at Macon.

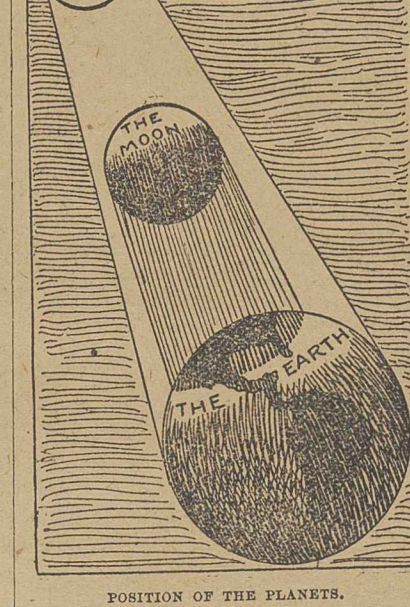
The plant of the Macon Agricultural company at Macon, Ga., was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Loss, \$50,000.

A. Bauer, at Griffin, Ga., there will be one Naval Observatory party, consisting of Dr. L. S. Mitchell, of Columbia University; Professor Henry Crew and Dr. T. R. Ball of the Northwestern University of Virginia, and L. E. Jewell of the Johns Hopkins University; Professor S. J. Brown, Astronomical Director of the Naval Observatory will conduct observations at Barnesville, Ga. The colleges and universities of the country will be well represented. Expeditions will be dispatched by Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Virginia, the University of Chicago, etc.

On May 28 the circular shadow of the moon cast by the sun upon the earth, and about eighty miles in diameter, will come sweeping across the American continent from New Orleans to Cape Henry. Along the centre of the path traveled by this swiftly moving shadow the sun will be completely hidden for a period of about two minutes. More than forty miles away, on either side of the track the eclipse will be partial, not total.

An eclipse of the sun that will be visible can occur only when the moon is new.

At that time she passes exactly between the earth and the sun. According to the



calculations of Professor Lumsden, the round black shadow of the moon, like a great arm, will sweep in out of space some time after sunrise on the morning of May 28. This gigantic arm will come into contact with the earth somewhere near the Revilla Gigedo islands in the Pacific Ocean. With tremendous velocity the shadow will rush toward the mainland and will enter Mexico, near Corrientes, at a speed of more than 100 miles a minute. In eight minutes it will have crossed the Rocky Mountains, and at New Orleans, about thirty seconds, and at New Orleans the period will have been lengthened thirty-seven seconds. At Union Point, Green County, Ga., the centre of the path for the United States, the time of totality will be twenty-two seconds, while those who are at the Atlantic coast, just south of the city of Norfolk, will be able to continue their observations for 105 seconds.

Will Not Appear.

Governor Longino has as yet made no official announcement on the subject, but it can be stated as a certainty that he will not appoint a special judge to hold circuit court in Yalobusha county, as requested by a resolution adopted by the bar of that county last week. The governor is inclined to think that under the circumstances he has no legal right to do so.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

Play ball!

Eclipse Monday morning.

Henry Walthall spent Sunday at Klein.

George Mason spent Sunday at Shelby.

O. O. Bird has been quite sick this week.

C. H. Mason, of beat 9, was in town Monday.

W. E. Merrell, of Shelby, was in the city Monday.

Miss Belle Hayett has been on sick list this week.

E. L. Crumpton, of Fourmile was in the city Monday.

Henry Lester visited relatives at Springville this week.

Forest Oates, of Pelham, visited friends here Sunday.

Judge Russell, of Harpersville, was in town Tuesday.

E. S. Lyman, of Montevallo, was in town last Saturday.

Two soda water fountains will soon be in operation in our city.

Frank Robertson, of Yellow Leaf, spent Sunday here with homefolks.

Tax Collector Robertson spent a few days this week at Wilsonville.

Willis Lester spent a few days this week with relatives at Springville.

Mrs. F. W. Gist, of Jemison, visited friends here the first of the week.

Miss Sallie Lawrence visited friends at Shelby a few days this week.

Buford Riddle and John Farrell, of Saginaw, were in town last Saturday.

Mrs. George Mason spent Sunday and Monday with relatives at Shelby.

Mrs. W. G. Parker and Miss Sue McGeehe are visiting relatives at Stanton.

Rev. T. K. Roberts and wife returned Tuesday from a visit to Biloxi, Miss.

Miss Nellie Parker returned Saturday from a visit to friends in Birmingham.

Charlie Pearson and wife returned Saturday from a visit to friends at Bridgeton.

The residence of J. H. Hammond on West College street is being treated to a new coat.

The baseball team of our city will cross bats with Shelby's team on Friday afternoon here.

Now, that the cotton factory is a settled fact, let's have some other industry for a companion.

Quite number of our citizens and young people attended the baseball game at Shelby last Friday.

Miss Minnie Lou Knox, of Ellettsville, was the guest of Miss Nellie Parker a few days last week.

Misses Catherine Owen and Besie Carter, of Shelby, were in the city shopping last Friday evening.

A party of young men and ladies went to Shelby Saturday night to witness a draw of iron at the furnace.

A good crop of wheat will be harvested in this county, about the largest that has been made in a long time.

The Republicans will hold their convention here, Saturday, June 23rd, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket.

The farmers are now busy chopping cotton and corn, and the recent showers have made all feel more cheerful of the crop prospect.

Say John, when you go to Columbia, go to Hammond's and get the Coffee, Flour, Meat, Lard, etc. Don't go anywhere else, for he will treat you right.

A. O. Harwell, who has the contract to make the brick for the cotton factory, has had a force of hands at work cleaning of the ground to be used for the brick yard all of last week.

There was no preaching at any of the churches last Sunday. It was the regular Sunday for services at the Baptist church, but Rev. A. E. Burns was called to Wilsonville to preach the commencement sermon for the Wilsonville High School, and filled the pulpit here Sunday night.

The ice cream supper given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church at the residence of D. R. McMillan, on East College street Tuesday night, was well attended by the citizens of our city, and proved a success. The evening was a delightful one, and all who attended went away with praise for the management of the supper, and festival added the neat sum of \$24 to the treasury for the purpose for which the supper was given.

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

Walter Duran, of Calera, spent Sunday in the city.

W. W. Walls and wife, of Shelby, spent Sunday in the city.

J. A. and Theo. Elliott, of Gannadurque, were in town Monday.

Mrs. Charlie Duran, of Anniston, is visiting relatives here this week.

Get your smoked glass ready to view the eclipse Monday morning.

Mrs. Seabrook, of Childersburg, visited relatives here the first of the week.

Horace Hammond, of Birmingham, spent yesterday here with homefolks.

Go to Hammond and see the pictures that are given away with Fairy Soap.

Frank Elliott left last Thursday for Abeline, Tex., where he will in the future reside.

Misses T. and Oza Hammond and Carrie Rowe visited relatives at Wilsonville Tuesday.

Madame Rumor says several new buildings are to be erected in our city in the near future.

A walk out in the country a few days ago revealed good crops and an abundance of vegetables.

Miss Leila Parker, who has been teaching the Calera High School, is at home spending vacation.

Miss Ressie Baker, of Kynulga, and Mrs. E. D. Hendrick, of Talladega, are visiting relatives in the city.

J. S. Falkner and Miss Ida O'Hara attended the closing exercises of the Wilsonville High School Tuesday night.

Commencement exercises of the public school will take place at the school house Friday night. Everybody invited to attend.

Mrs. Thompson and family, of Birmingham, have moved to this place, and are occupying the Millstead residence on South Side.

On last Friday, May 18, John M. Vandiver, of Vandiver, had the misfortune to have his home destroyed by fire with all of his household effects.

According to the law, the census enumerators are prohibited from taking on any side line business, and must confine themselves strictly to the census work.

Dr. A. J. Massey, of Birmingham will make periodical visits to Columbia. Watch for his ads in this paper. His office 118 1/2 21st street Birmingham, Ala.

The ladies of the Baptist church at Shelby, will give an ice cream supper next Friday night, May 25th, for the benefit of their church. The people of Columbiana have a pressing invitation to attend the supper.

The cannon taken from the Cristobal Colon, one of the Spanish war vessels destroyed by Admiral Schley in Santiago Bay, and presented to the city of Birmingham by the United States government was mounted last Thursday in Capitol Park with elaborate ceremonies by the Elks.

On next Monday the sun that makes millions bales of cotton will, for a brief space of time, be hid from view, and that too from the very land and plant it has cast its rays upon. The totality of the eclipse does not extend over the entire American continent, its path crosses the cotton belt of the South.

Last Friday evening the baseball team went to Shelby to cross bats with the Shelby team. The game was called at 4:30 with C. C. DuBose as umpire. Our boys started out with vim to win the game, and did some fine work in the first and second innings, but in the third inning the boys went to pieces and could handle the sheep skin with accuracy. The work in the box and backstop on both teams were good; the outfielding on both side were par excellence, and during the game some pretty plays were made by the teams. At the end of the game the score stood: Shelby 20, Columbiana 19.

One day last week a colored man while passing along one of the back streets ran a foot of a snake and in a few moments killed it. After killing the snake he thought of having some fun out of a friend he knew would pass that way in a short time, so he stretched the lifeless snake across the path and left, in the meantime a prowling cat spied his snakeship and forthwith carried it to a wood pile of the colored man, and the next night carried it in the house and deposited it beneath the supper table, while the family was eating supper, one of the children happened to look under the table and jumped back and exclaimed, look at that snake! whereupon it created a stampede among the inmates of the room and pandemonium reigned for a few moments.

County Court Jurors.

The following is the list of Petit Jurors drawn at the January term 1900, of Commissioners Court of Shelby county for May term of the County court of Shelby county:

J. W. Dykes, J. A. Davis, J. D. Striplin, J. M. Allen, A. J. Embry, B. L. Dorrough, J. W. Hale, J. M. Spearman, W. W. Stone, R. Z. Hill, W. S. McEwen, W. T. Denny, Geo. W. Peal, G. C. Fulton, W. L. Nolen, Geo. Kroell, J. H. Batie, P. C. Fuller, J. H. Acker, J. H. Killingworth, A. J. Taylor, E. R. Harper, John J. Tyler.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. He suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from the first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottle of the Great Discovery at Hall drug store. Only 50 cents and \$1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

Wanted

Fifty Sons of Veterans from each district in Shelby county to organize themselves into companies, elect their officers and drill so as to be ready for the reunion in August to be held at Shelby Springs. The writer will take pleasure in meeting with each company in their respective districts and give such instructions as will be necessary for association. Not less than fifty persons from each district will be accepted. Go to work boys, and get up your C. V. S. and write me when and where to meet you.

J. W. JOHNSON, Commander.

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Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where stomach, liver, kidney and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of the brain and body. Only 25 cents at Hall drug store.

Notice to Pensioners.

The Pension office of Shelby county, Ala., will open the first Monday in June at the courthouse. Those who failed to obtain a pension can apply again. By order of this board.

ROWE AND GIST, Commissioners.

SOAP!

Gee whiz! Big deal and all other kinds of Soaps go to thunder. You go to Hammond's and get two cakes of POLO Soap for a nickel.

I wish to call the attention of the public to a line of Parasols just received. Also Shirts and Shirt Waists, please give me a call when in need of anything in my line.

Mrs. L. C. ARMSTRONG.

In Constipation Herbine affords a natural, healthful remedy, acting promptly. A few small doses will usually be found to so regulate the excretory functions that they are able to operate without any aid whatever. Price 50 cents. On sale at Williams Bros.

Chapple Chat and Lewis Dots were received to late for this issue.

Mrs. Martha Walker, of Lowndes county, is visiting relatives here this week.

Rev. T. P. Roberts and wife, J. R. White and Revs. J. G. Walker, and J. E. Bird are attending the District Conference at Vincent.

Ballard's Snow Liniment cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Sore Throat, Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Old Sores, Corns, and all pain and inflammation. The most penetrating liniment in the world. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by Williams Bros.

The tree on Main street near Johnston & Co.'s store, that was used as a hitching place for horses and mules by a number of people, was discovered yesterday to be in a frail condition, and a good pull brought it down, thus averting danger of it from falling upon a horse or mule.

Unless a woman eats sufficient nourishing food she can neither gain nor keep a good complexion. Food, when digested, is the base of all health, all strength, all beauty. Herbine will help digest what you eat, and give you the clear, bright, beautiful skin of health. Price 50 and 75 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

The umpire's familiar cry "Play ball" will be heard at the ball ground in the western portion of the city tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the first time this season. The Columbiana fans will have an opportunity to witness fast ball tomorrow afternoon, and a large crowd, no doubt, will be out to cheer our boys on to victory. The teams are composed of young men who have some reputation as ball players, and we predict a pretty game tomorrow evening between Shelby and Columbiana.

Redlawn.

Rev. Millstead filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

James Williams says if he could stand in the community as some of our friends, he would be the happiest man that ever stood on earth. James there is a time to come.

Bluma Minor says there is an enticing spot on Yellow Leaf. Come boys, let us all learn this spot, probably it will be to our interest.

Farmers are preparing to gather one of the largest grain crops ever known of in Shelby county.

Quite a number of our boys attended the singing at J. D. Hughes Sunday evening. We wish to say the strokes of Chapel is quite charming.

James Williams was a caller at James Vicks Sunday morning.

Walter Mitchell is very sick at this writing.

Tom Stamps is looking sad, we suppose caused by a broken heart. Tom, there is yet a chance.

James Bauldon and family, of Yellow Leaf, paid J. Baggett a short visit Sunday.

Walter Lyon made a flying visit to Yellow Leaf Sunday morning.

Gentlemen, as this is Roving Bill come into the community to assist you all in your little writings, he now is going to leave you and asks you all to remember him while stands at the old Center post office (V. G.) Goodbye boys.

ROVING BILL.

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SHERIFF

We the undersigned citizens of Beat 4, Shelby county, Ala., earnestly desiring the election of good men for county and state officers, heartily recommend

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as one of the most diligent, honest and upright Christian men it has been our pleasure to know, and will in our opinion, if elected, make one of the best—if not the best—sheriffs that Shelby county has ever had. No man in the beat can poll so large a vote for Sheriff as Mr. Cross, and we announce him for that office:

H. S. Latham, Frank West, T. W. Rogan, S. J. Perry, W. B. Denison, C. L. McQuay, R. L. Lacey, Dr. J. W. Acker, Geo. W. Morgan, J. M. Berkstetter, R. T. Newton, H. R. Wells, J. Alex. Moore, P. J. Kroell, Edward Fulmer, R. A. Smith, W. R. Strong, W. E. Perry, Philip W. Hoskins, Wm. Lyman, Wm. M. Sessions, E. W. Chapman, Frank J. Kroell, Burgess Little, S. H. McCauley, J. H. Davies, Jr., Dr. D. G. Wilkinson, M. P. Jeter, D. W. Shivers.

Siluria Smiles.

W. H. Blanks is visiting friends and relatives in Opelika this week, leaving John E. Wilson to act as section foreman, pro tem.

Roscoe Payne was the guest of Miss Ellen McClendon near Helena Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Turman and Miss Myrtle Payne paid Birmingham a flying visit last week.

Rev. H. C. Hale, of Longview, was with friends here Sunday.

Gus McBride, of Cedar Grove, visited homefolks Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Draper spent Sunday with relatives here.

Misses Ruth, Bertha and Lucy Richards, who have been students of the Polytechnical Institute at Montevallo since last October, have returned home—welcome by their many friends.

Forrest Oates paid Columbiana friends a flying visit Sunday.

J. H. Cost carpenter for the L. & N. E. R. at Jackson's lake spent Sunday with homefolks.

Uncle Henry McBride is business manager for the W. H. Blank's cheap cash store at Siluria.

Mrs. Geo. Wyatt and children, of Cedar Grove, visited relatives here Monday.

J. D. Butler is now working as night operator at Clear Creek.

Grandma Little, of Elliottsville, is visiting relatives here this week.

W. C. Benton's new roller flour mill is nearing completion, and by harvest time he will be in a position to give the public a fine sample of high grade flour.

It frequently occurs that trouble will cause people to become gray, but we have never before known it to cause baldness as in Brant's case. Say Brant, how about Miss Maude naming her pet crow in honor of you?

Kid.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also Old, Running and Canker Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Eclams, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out pains and aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hall, the druggist.

A number of Columbians went to Wilsonville to the commencement exercises of the High School at that place Tuesday night.

Beechwood Dots.

Health of community good.

Candidates are all the go now-a-days.

Henry Walthall passed here Friday.

Several of our people attended divine services at Chapel Sunday.

G. P. Archer and B. D. McClendon transacted business in Wilsonville one day last week.

Some young ladies of Wilsonville were seen in our community Friday.

Coleman Farr and lady spent Saturday night with relatives on the river.

Prof. S. S. Crumpton, of Fourmile, was in our community one day last week.

Will Milner, of Birmingham, was buying cattle here one day last week.

Prof. Lee Hill went to Columbiana Saturday on business.

H. W. Nelson, of Columbiana, was seen here Friday.

Herring, the fruit agent was canvassing this community last week, he is a great talker, and can tell you all about the fruit, and the yarus to you Bet.

Sam Crawford, of the Kingdom, passed through here Sunday, we don't know where he had been, dear hunting we suppose.

C. W. Archer runs his mill every Friday and turns the corn into meal, if you want good meal carry him some good corn and you will get good meal.

Len Riddle passed through our community Sunday.

Mrs. E. D. W. Shirley is very low at this writing, but hope for her a speedy recovery.

James Hawkins, of Chapple, was in our community Sunday.

E. A. Church is thinking of going to Sylacauga to work on the new oil mill that is going to be put up there. Well, I will say no more this week as I am not posted much, but will try and do better next week.

CRAIG.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work. This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly and run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cts. Sold by Hall, the druggist.

Corinth Snaps.

Jasper Barfield, of Spring Creek, was in the community one day last week on business.

Wade Farr passed through this community Saturday.

Gamel Nabors spent Friday at Calera.

Mr. Stamps, of Blocton, was in the community visiting friends and relatives last week.

A. C. Leonard went to Calera Saturday.

Robert Coker was in your town Friday on business.

O. V. Farr, of Lynch, passed through the community Monday.

R. H. and B. L. Holcomb is spending a few weeks in Birmingham, having their eyes treated, we hope they will get their sight again.

Miss Bertie Holcomb made a flying trip to Hopewell Sunday.

Miss Bettie Collier from near Shelby Springs, spent a few days in Montevallo this week.

There will be singing at A. C. Leonard's the fourth Sunday at 1:30 in the afternoon.

W. E. Holcomb went to Shelby on business last Thursday.

H. B. Nabors paid Shelby a flying visit Wednesday.

Andrew Blackmon went to Columbiana Saturday.

Mrs. Jennie Holcomb visited the family of H. B. Nabors last Friday.

B. J. Comer paid Shelby a flying visit last Wednesday.

Master W. E. Holcomb and Lee Nabors went up to Elliottsville last Sunday, we think they were dear hunting, and think they have some one spoiled.

Miss Sallie Smith, of Birmingham, is spending a week with homefolks near Shelby Springs.

Lee Nabors and R. Comer went to Hopewell last Sunday dear hunting. We guess they went to see their best girls.

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No Use to Wag.

We notice that the Democrats say that they are endeavoring to nominate their best men, and it is rumored that they intend to open wide the doors of the Democratic party and invite all white men to participate in their primary. I ask why are they going to do this, is it not because they know that Shelby county is in the hands of the people and that we are bound to have fair and honest elections, and so long as the populist remain in power; that there is no chance for them to obtain control of our county by fraudulent elections, and that the only way for them to install their ring-crew into office again, is by assumed submission to the will of the people, and if they are successful, what will be the results? In my opinion, they will forget that they are only public servants and not dictators, and proceed to dictate to the people what they shall do in order to keep them in office; is not my opinion backed up by the record of the Democrat party? Certainly it is, and the man who is simpleton enough to be fooled by their sophistry will find out when it is too late, that he is the tail end of a very disgusting affair and that he is obeying instead of being obeyed, and the only consolation he will get by complaining to the bosses, is that he should have been convinced in 1892 that he did not have anything to do with the affairs of the Democratic party nor the controlling of Shelby county and the only thing for him to do, is to vote for the nominees of the Democratic party. The whole attitude of the Democrat politicians reminds one of a vicious cur; as long as you feed them on office pie, they will snarl and show their teeth and command you to stand off, by informing you that you haven't got anything to do with it, but when office pie is all consumed, they stand around the kitchen door and wag their tails in an assumed submissive way, in hopes of being fed again, by opening the doors of their party and let their most humble and submissive looking fellows have a chance for the nomination and the man who has heretofore affiliated with the Peoples party, that is so contemptible as to vote for them simply plays the part of the half-witted fool, who hugged the tail end of a bob-tail dog in a sympathetic way, because the dog did not have any tail to wag.

There are some men in this county that have been slapped on both cheeks and haven't got courage to

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The Australian Rabbit Pest.
Eva Gordon, a school girl, daughter of the chief inspector of stock of Queensland, in writing to some Kansas school children from Brisbane, the capital of that country, has this to say of the rabbit pest of Queensland: "About twenty or thirty years ago two or three pairs of rabbits were imported into Queensland. Now they go about in millions, eating as they go, and leaving the ground without a blade of grass. In this country they also climb trees and eat the bark, so that there is no vegetation at all left for the sheep and cattle where the rabbits have been. The squatters must have wire-netting fences all around their 'runs,' that is what you would call ranches. Men have also been sent out by the government to poison rabbits, and hundreds of dead ones are to be seen often on a small area. The rabbits burrow in the ground, so the fences have to be put sufficiently under the ground to prevent their getting underneath."—Kansas City Journal.

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If all ailing or suffering women could be made to understand how absolutely true are the statements about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, their sufferings would end.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The unexpected often happens; but we can't always explain, afterward, how anything else could have been expected reflects Puck.

Cape Nome has one eterna advantage over most other Alaskan gold fields. It is on salt water and it's easier to get home from.

An Iowa man who rescued a widow from drowning was married to her three days later. This may have a tendency to discourage heroism in the State.

Statistics of the criminal population of the United States show that only six per cent. of the total number of criminals are women.

Smallpox had practically disappeared from this country when the war with Spain began, but since then our soldiers returning from foreign service have established centres of infection in many States.

The coal fields in Pennsylvania are nearly all taken up. Coal land in Connelville district is selling for about \$1,000 an acre. The iron, coal and steel men are turning to the West Virginia fields.

It has been ascertained by a series of questions that what children are most afraid of are thunderstorms. Next come reptiles, strangers, darkness, fire, death, domestic animals, illness, wild animals, water, insects, etc.

When the concert of European powers assembled beneath the walls of Constantinople to serenade the debt-dodging Sultan the first number on the programme will doubtless be one with a refrain running "Pay, pay, pay."

Our forestry exhibit at the Paris exhibition will be worth all it costs if it teaches the American sight-seers some needed lessons about forest preservation.

The London Lancet says that large portions of the stomach, or even the whole of it, may be removed, with no very great mortality, and in successful cases with wonderfully little effect on the patient's digestion.

An Old Maids' Club up in Massachusetts has just finished debating the question, "Are Bachelors Human?" The judges decided in the negative. All old bachelors should at once make tracks for a region where they are classed with the divinities.

If there be a flaw in the Constitution of Illinois which makes it impossible for the people of that State to restrain any of their number from using the United States flag for advertising purposes it should be amended at once. The symbol of the Union should be preserved from misuse at home as well as abroad, thinks the Philadelphia Record.

According to a circular issued by Paul Leroy Beaulieu, the well-known French economist, and quoted by United States Consul Covert of Lyons, Frenchmen possess not less than \$900,000,000 in Transvaal mining property, and the French, German and Dutch stockholders' own probably more than half of the mines.

The development of a child should not be left to the mother alone. It needs the directing influence of the mother; the strengthening influence of the father. Often a child's nature, possibilities and growth are unknown and unwatched by his father. It is something he does not understand because he does not study it. It is here that there is a lack in many families. The only way to remedy it is by forming classes for fathers in the kindergarten, observes Mrs. B. B. Langseth, of New York City. Let them catch a glimpse of the wonderful unfolding of child nature.

The Philadelphia Press says: "The proposed substitution of automobiles for mules on the Delaware and Raritan Canal is but an episode in the ruthless advance of civilization. Like the poor Indian and the high frame bicycle, the mule must go. He has outlived his hybrid usefulness. He is needed to drag ammunition and camp kettles over South African battlefields where sight of dingy canalboats and taste of Nebraska corn will never ease the ache of his homesick heart. His part in the upbuilding of the great west is forgotten, and the American landscape seems strangely lacking in a notable particular. In figure, as in reality, the passing of the canal mule is almost funeral."

Genius does not always manifest itself in a boy's early years. Robert Burns was a dullard at his school books. So was Oliver Goldsmith. Richard Brinsley Sheridan's mother called him "an incorrigible dunce," while Dr. Adam Clarke, author of the famous "Commentaries on the Bible," figured to his father's mind as "a grievous dunce" when a boy. Dean Swift was "plucked" at Dublin University, and Sir Humphrey Davy, afterward a great scientist, was but an ordinary pupil in school.

The Government of Argentina has ordered the expurgation from the national anthem of its last four lines, which alluded to the ancient domination of Spain over the country. These lines were contained in the first verse, or "estrofa," of the song. Their suppression indicates the existence of a fraternal spirit, which has been initiated by the recent visit of the Argentine naval vessel Presidente Sarmiento, to the ports of Spain, and by that of the Spanish cruiser Rio de la Platin, at Buenos Ayres.

A recent report from Mr. John E. Kehy, our Consul at Stettin, after giving much statistical information in regard to the German workman's in-

come and expenses, concludes with this striking statement: "American labor is paid treble the wages paid German labor in the same calling, and the cost of food is from ten to fifty per cent. cheaper in the United States than in Germany." In the Stettin district (Pomerania) the average workman with a wife and two children pays 35.7 cents a day for food. His rent for two rooms cost \$2.38 a month. Clothing, except shoes, is cheap, but coal is rather high, and kerosene is fifty per cent. above American prices. Carpenters in shipyards get \$5.28 per week of sixty-six hours and common laborers \$3.14. Domestic service is wretchedly paid, the wages ranging from \$2.14 per month for kitchen servants to \$5.95 for housekeepers. The Consul says that the cost of living is increasing faster than the rate of wages, and the outlook for the toilers is anything but favorable."

American locomotives and cars in Egypt call forth from Lord Cromer, the British Minister and Consul-General in Egypt, the following explanation: He says that while the railway authorities prefer adhering to British locomotives, as the men are acquainted with their peculiarities, when time and cost are considered the British manufacturer cannot compete with the American. The latter offer engines, built on standard American plans, at lower prices and in less time than they can be secured from British or European builders. The British manufacturers, on the other hand, not being in the habit of building engines to standard plans of their own, content themselves with tendering to the designs of the Egyptian railway authorities; with the result that these specially made engines cost much more money and take much more time to build.

Rural free delivery has been in operation in Carroll County, Md., for three months, one-third of which was fruitless of telling results, because of the opposition encountered. Yet in that quarter the service was almost self-sustaining. Offsetting the cost of the service by the saving effected in the discontinuance of the star routes and the fourth-class offices, and by the increase of revenues resulting from the service, the net cost was only \$236. The officials have the best of reasons for expecting a snug profit to the government at the close of the first year, to arise from the increased postal revenue in the county. For the first quarter that revenue increase was 23.5 per cent., a surprising advance, considering that for the last five years the average annual increase in the aggregate revenues of the 750 free-delivery post-offices (producing seventy per cent. of all postal revenues) is only a fraction over eight per cent. "These figures leave no room for argument," the superintendent says. "They force the conclusion that rural free delivery, as a system of the postal service will effect phenomenal increases in the postal revenues of the future."

The right of dogs to run at large in the country without being shot, provided they are doing no harm, is discussed in an interesting opinion by the Mississippi Supreme Court in the case of Hodges vs. Causey. Causey shot and killed Hodges's dog, a deerhound, as she was running through corn rows in Causey's field in Sunflower County. For this, Hodges sued Causey. In defense, Causey said that his place was posted, that he had twice warned Hodges to keep his dogs off his (Causey's) place, and that he shot the deerhound as she was running through the corn rows to prevent her from damaging growing cotton which was in the same field. The jury decided in favor of Causey. The Supreme Court, in ordering a new trial, quoted with approval law to the effect that "one is never justified in going to excessive lengths in the defense of himself or his property from assault or injury"; that "the method of defence must bear a certain relation to the character or seriousness of the threatened injury," and that "the fact that a dog is trespassing does not justify his wanton or malicious destruction." The court pointed out that the corn through which the dog was running was fully matured (it was in November), and that at the time she was shot, she had done no damage to the cotton. The court said the jury should have been allowed to say whether, in view of all the circumstances, the killing was reasonable.

He Doesn't Mean It.
When you hear a young man say: "I don't believe in a woman having anything to do but sit and read, or manicure her finger nails all day, I don't want my wife to be busy about anything," why, of course, you know that the young man is simply talking against time. He doesn't mean a word he says, and it is safe to warrant that he is the first man who would be bored to death by such a girl. This young man may like to fancy that he is a believer in such false sentiments, and perhaps he does believe in them for the moment of saying. But his way of protesting against the wave of energy which the girlhood of to-day is responding to, out of which perhaps may come salvation even to man. Or else, possibly, there is nothing more than silly method in his old school assertion.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Lizard Millions of Years Old.
A skeleton of a great saurian has been found in the northeastern part of the harbor of Caldera, Chile. It was 26½ feet long, and had an enormous head and tail. It was partly buried in a clayey rock, a good portion of which had been washed away by the tide. The fossil was taken from its bed, and when restored to the National Museum. The fossil was about three feet shorter than the smaller one recently found in Kansas, and which was considered to be an ancient marine offshoot of the lizard.

Most men have their wits sharpened on the grindstone of adversity.

ANIMALS AFRAID OF GHOSTS.

Many Members of the Brute Creation Fear the Supernatural.
There is a widespread belief in south Germany, in Ireland, in Scotland, and I know not how many countries, that horses and dogs have "an instinct" for uncanny realities. In Germany the popular notion is that no horse will pass by the place where the body of a suicide lies, or even by the spot where someone has committed suicide, or where an execution has taken place. This is something different from the repugnance that all horses have to the neighborhood of a slaughter-house. Only two days ago a Tyrolean horse of very docile disposition, driven carefully by his Italian owner, was greatly upset at having to pass two widely separated government stables, used for supplying meats to the crews of Italian warships. He was also greatly disgusted at having to go near a scavenger's cart. His protests, however, were mild compared with the behavior of horses under "uncanny" influences. The Moro's owner said: "A horse has a keener nose than any dog," and he talked soothingly to him; "didn't know why that dirt cart was always in the same place," "well-welled" him and told him "the slaughter-house was fifty yards off his road," and so forth. In "haunted" quarters, on the other hand, the horse refuses with determination; he trembles, snorts, is covered from head to heels, in time, with a white foam, his eyes roll and shoot fire and the end is sometimes a bad accident, sometimes a hard-fought victory for the driver, sometimes his ignominious defeat. I could name Irish cross roads past which almost every horse in the county refused to go quietly after dark. The last purchase from, maybe, the other end of the island might be taken to the spot without any (possibly indoctrinated) equine companion to frighten him, but he unflinchingly "turned rusty" as soon as he tried the unhallowed ground. The local explanations were various; that the land on one side was "cursed," that formerly criminals were executed and then buried at many cross roads, and possibly here, and that the fir trees and a castellated lodge in one angle of the intersecting ways made the spot terribly dark, and so on.—London News.

SEASON OF REST.

Lent Is a Time for Gaining Flesh and Beauty.

Lent, in the eyes of the society girl, isn't only a time for fasting and prayer, but it is a very important period, of semi-rest, during which the ravages wrought in face and form by the dissipations of the season may be repaired so that Easter will find her fresh and lovely again. Candy is entirely tabooed during this period. The money that she herself would spend for the sweets goes—well, it may go to the heathen or it may not; there's no use assuming that it's put aside to buy a parasol next summer, unless it really is. Percival's instructions on this point are very explicit—violets, and nothing else, will be graciously received during the penitential season, their purple tints in so well with the general somber color scheme that it doesn't seem out of place to spend money for them. But candy is not the only thing abjured for the sake of abstinence and complexion. All sweets are given up, plain food and little of it eaten, and hot water in copious quantities takes the place of chocolate between meals, or other drinks which may have a deleterious effect on the roses and lilies of the skin. Even now the hours kept are not particularly early ones, but there's much more time to rest during the day—all the afternoon, in fact, until it is time for the 5 o'clock service, whether the maid goes wearing a dreamy look and where she assumes a prayerful pose that makes the men in the back pews wonder if this is indeed the butterfly girl who has seemed so frivolous all winter. Rest is the greatest of beautifiers, and to tell the truth, mildness is something too tired-looking now to be at her best, but she'll be fresh enough by Easter, with her dieting, her naps during the day, her long walks and the gymnastic exercises with which she rounds her arms and covers the harsh outlines of her angles with soft, curving, firm flesh. Indeed, if she adheres to the strict rules she has set to follow, she'll look like a lily herself before the 15th of April rolls around; a particularly healthy and attractive lily, too; but will she keep the rules, that's the question?—Baltimore News.

WHO ARE IN "WHO'S WHO?"
A Good Thing to Be Born an English Peer.

Nearly thirty years ago Dr. Galton, in his "Hereditary Genius," pointed out how rarely a man got into the dictionaries of contemporary biography before the age of 50, and his statement is true, even to the present day, says the Fortnightly Review; the mean age of the persons mentioned in "Who's Who" is no less than 55, even though several names are included of persons who have had greatness thrust upon them in the first decade of their lives. "It is better to be born lucky than rich," says the proverb, "but," adds a distinguished humorist, "if you can't be either, the next best thing is to be born a British peer," and this seems at any rate justified by the large amount of attention paid to the hereditary house and the baronetcy by "Who's Who," no less than 11 per cent. of its entries being names devoted to merely titular distinctions. If these had been omitted, the mean age of distinction would probably rise even higher than 55, and, at any rate, Dr. Galton's threshold limit of 50 for entry into the biographical dictionaries is thoroughly well justified. Now there are only about 4,000, 000 Englishmen over 50 in the British empire and the proportion of those that reach eminence in the various collections I have mentioned would, consequently, be 2,664 per million for "Who's Who," 1,600 for the Dictionary of National Biography, and 1,332 for "The Men of the Time." This latter publication seems to have lowered its standard in the last thirty years, as Dr. Galton, in 1869, reckoned that 425 of every million Englishmen over 50 attained sufficient reputation to earn a place in that recopied. It must, be said, be remembered that we have taken colonies into our calculation, and as the colonial contingent is naturally small, this would tend to magnify the seeming increase of distinction in "Men of the Time."

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